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Installation

Installation Overview

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Welcome to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. West Point is located on the west bank of the Hudson River, approximately 50 miles north of New York City and 15 miles south of Newburgh. Given the nature of the United States Military Academy, your assignment promises to be a unique, rewarding and enjoyable one. In addition to being a college campus with the entire academic, social and athletic activities associated with such, West Point is a military installation and a National Historical Landmark, a national tourist attraction. Since 1802 when President Jefferson signed legislation establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Military Academy has produced graduates who have contributed to our country in peace and war. Lee, Grant, Pershing, Borman, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Omar Bradley, George Patton, Swartzkopf, ... Academy graduates are known as members of the Long Gray Line.

Located just 50 miles north of New York City along the west bank of the Hudson River, the Academy has long been a popular place to visit. By walking around the grounds of West Point, visitors can actually walk where history was made and a nation was born. West Point was officially recognized for its historical significance and contributions to the country in 1960 when this rocky highland was declared a National Historic Landmark. It is estimated that almost 3 million tourists from around the world visit here every year to walk the grounds, observe cadets and enjoy a day at West Point.

The Major Command is the United States Military Academy. Cadets are the reason for everyone else being here. Today the Corps of Cadets numbers almost 4,000 men and women from every state in the Union as well as several foreign countries and U.S. territories. Almost every facet of life at West Point revolves around the Corps. From providing the role models for our nation's future leaders to supporting Army teams to sharing a home away from home, the West Point community is an essential ingredient in each cadet's West Point experience.

The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy is also the Commander of the West Point community. The Commandant of Cadets is responsible for the training of the cadets to include discipline, schooling of the soldier, leadership training, physical training, instruction in tactics and conducting highly competitive, broad a intercollegiate athletic program encompassing female and male team sports. The Dean of the Academic Board is responsible for the academic instruction of the cadets. Upon successful completion of an academically rigorous program, cadets are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. They, and all soldiers working with them, are concerned with developing within the cadet those character and moral-ethical traits essential to successful service as a regular Army officer, epitomized by the Academy's motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

The purpose of the United States Military Academy is "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." In order to achieve its purpose, the mission of the United States Military Academy is "To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation."

See specific directions for driving or airport arrival in the related subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS.

TELEPHONE ACCESS (Operator):
845-938-4011
DSN 688-1110
STAFF DUTY OFFICER (non-duty hours):
845-938-3500
DSN 688-3500

As the oldest continually occupied post in our country's history, West Point is home for more than 1,400 military personnel. Although most military personnel are members of the Academy's staff and faculty and assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, there are several tenant units and activities to which you may be assigned.

Name: Garrison Commander

City: West Point, NY 10996-1985

Phone: 845-938-2022
FAX: 845-938-7644
DSN Phone: 688-2022
DSN FAX: 688-7644

E-Mail: ya9650@usma.edu

Comments:

STAFF DUTY OFFICER (non-duty hours) 845-

938-3500, DSN 688-3500

TELEPHONE ACCESS (Operator/Information):

845-938-4011 DSN 688-1110

Name: Printable Installation Map

WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/guidemap.pdf

Must Know Items

For more information on this subject: USMA at West Point http://www.usma.edu

The area code for this portion of NY is 845. The DSN prefix 688 is used for West Point. The mailing address for residents of West Point is West Point, NY 10996. The emergency assistance number of 911 is in effect for all phones on West Point.

NEW Cell Phone Law:

New York State is the first state in the nation to enact the hands-free cell phone while driving law. Using the cell phone in your hand while driving is an enforceable traffic infraction that carries a \$100 fine per violation. Headsets or speakers, including handsfree units are permitted. You must keep your hands on the wheel while driving in New York.

MOVING YOURSELF (DITY):

If you are moving yourself or in a large rental vehicle, be advised that many highways are for passenger cars only and trucks are prohibited (not allowed). Some of the older highways have low overpasses creating the very real possibility of danger. Therefore, if you are moving yourself in a moving type van or truck, be advised to enter NY on I-84 through Pennsylvania. Proceed on I-84 to the Newburgh exit 7 south. This will allow you to connect with Route 9W south toward West Point.

ARRIVING BY AIR AT STEWART AIRPORT: Take a taxi to West Point (approximately \$25). See below for driving instructions from Stewart to West Point.

ARRIVING AT LAGUARDIA, KENNEDY or NEWARK AIRPORTS:

Take public transportation to Grand Central Station in New York City. Then take Metro North Railroad, Hudson Line to Croton-on-Harmon Station and a taxi to West Point. (There are closer stations but taxis may not be available, i.e.: Garrison Station). Stewart/Newburgh International Airport is the most convenient to West Point.

USO-AIRPORT SERVICES:

At JFK International Airport (Kennedy), the USO provides 2 centers to assist those traveling into or out of this hub airport. The DELTA FLIGHT CENTER is open from 1200-1900 Mon-Fri, and 1400-1900 on Sat, Sun, and holidays. This center can be reached at 718-656-4616. The TWA CENTER, located in Bldg. 58 in the TWA Domestic Arrivals Area, is open from 1200-1900 Mon-Fri, and 1400-1900 on Sat, Sun, and holidays. This center can be reached at 718-995-5539.

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY DIRECTIONS:

Take the Palisades Parkway north until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge circle. Proceed 3/4 of the way around the circle, following signs for West Point. You are now on Route 9W North. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 3 miles then exit onto Route 218 North. As you enter the Village of Highland Falls (travel approximately 2 miles) on Rt. 218, continue to bear right, which will bring you to the Thayer Gate of West Point.

DRIVING FROM THE SOUTH:

Travel north on the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 11. After exiting and paying the toll, get onto the Garden State Parkway North. Stay on the Parkway until it becomes the Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in New York State. Shortly after crossing the New York State border, follow signs for Interstate 87 South (Tappan Zee Bridge). You will stay on Interstate 87 South for several miles until exiting onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound. SEE DIRECTIONS FOR PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY ABOVE.

DRIVING FROM NEW YORK CITY:

Follow signs to the George Washington Bridge. Cross the bridge by way of the upper deck or level, getting into the right lane. Immediately after crossing the bridge, follow signs to the Palisades Interstate Parkway. Take the Parkway north approximately 37 miles. SEE DIRECTIONS FOR PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY ABOVE.

DRIVING FROM THE WEST:

Travel east on Interstate 80 to the Garden State Parkway exit (just past Patterson, New Jersey). Get on the Parkway North and proceed until it becomes the Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in New York State. Shortly after crossing the New York State border, follow signs for Interstate 87 South (Tappan Zee Bridge). You will stay on 87 South for several miles until exiting onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound. SEE DIRECTIONS FOR PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY ABOVE.

DRIVING FROM NEW ENGLAND:

Travel west on Interstate 84 until you cross the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. Follow signs for Route 9W South. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 12 miles until you cross a large mountain. At the bottom of the mountain, exit onto Route 218 and proceed through Highland Falls and the Thayer Gate on RT 218. SEE DIRECTIONS FOR FOR PALISADES INTERSTATE PARKWAY ABOVE. Autos without a DoD decal for West Point should access the installation through the Stoney Lonesome gate (0500 - 2300) or the Thayer Gate (open 24-hours) from Highland Falls.

FROM WEST POINT (Washington Gate) TO STEWART AIRPORT by way of 9W:

Turn left onto Route 218 after passing through Washington Gate. Follow this road along the West Point golf course. At a "Y" intersection you will note a green sign denoting "Newburgh" or "New York City". Take the road leading to Newburgh. This road leads you onto Route 9W North. Follow 9W over several mountains for approximately 5 miles. After you descend off the final mountain you will look for the exit just AFTER the "Angola Road" exit. At the end of the exit you will turn left onto Quaker Avenue (also marked as County Route 107). You will travel on Quaker Avenue not more than 1 mile at which time it will end at the traffic light at the intersection with Route 32. Turn right and travel about 1.7 miles on Rt. 32 arriving at the intersection known as "Five Corners" (this is the intersection of Routes 300, 94 and 32). At this point you should be in the leftmost lane to travel across the intersection going between Dunkin' Donuts and a Hess gas station. You will now be on Route 300 (also known as Temple Hill Road). Travel on Route 300 about 3 miles through three traffic lights. At the third traffic light, Route 300 will turn to the right. Ignore this. Continue going straight on Rt. 207 (Little Britain Road) passing under the Interstate 87/New York Thruway. Within a mile on the right, you will see the first of two entrances into Stewart Airport.

FROM STEWART AIRPORT TO WEST POINT:

Turn left onto Route 207 East (Little Britain Road). Follow Route 207 through the first light at the intersection with Union Avenue (Route 300). At this point, Route 207 becomes Route 300/207 and is called Temple Hill Road. Follow Route 300 for approximately 3 miles until you come to the third traffic light. This intersection is known as "Five Corners". This is the intersection of Routes 300, 94 and 32. You will go across the intersection toward McDonald's and be on Route 32 South. Travel on Route 32 for a total of 1.7 miles. Immediately after passing over a trestle-type bridge, you will turn left off Route 32 onto Quaker Avenue toward Cornwall. You will see a green sign pointing to Bear Mountain and 9W South. Take this right hand exit. At this point you will merge with 9W South. Travel on Route 9W for 5.7 miles over mountainous terrain. As you are in your final descent, you will encounter the first of three exits for West Point. The first exit RT. 218/293 (not labeled West Point; after looping back under 9W onto Route 218) will take you by the golf course, through Washington Gate (entry allowed only if you have a DoD decal) and to Keller Army Community Hospital, West Point School, Eisenhower Hall and the area known as "The Plain". The second exit off Route 9W (Stony Lonesome Gate)is open 0500 -2300, and is the most direct exit to take you to the commissary, the post exchange, post gas station and shoppette, Stony Lonesome housing, the football stadium, and the Central Post Area. The third exit, open 24-hrs, will lead you through Highland Falls and bring you past Pershing Center (Visitors Center and West Point Museum), through Thaver Gate to the Hotel Thayer, 1-1 HQ, the bowling center, Army Community Service, the West Point Post Office and eventually the Central Area.

INPROCESSING PROCEDURES

Inprocessing procedures are different depending upon the unit to which you are assigned. When reporting in, you must be in uniform and have original DA Form 31 (leave request) and a copy of your PCS orders. If you are delayed, call your unit you are to report to immediately.

1st of the 1st INPROCESSING HQs 1st BN 1st Inf 621 Wilson Road PHONE:

(duty hours): 845-938-4509/2516 DSN 688-4509/2516 (after duty hours): 845-938-8846 DSN 688-8846 FAX: 845-938-2097 DSN 688-2097

Hours: duty and non-duty hours

All inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the US Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, HHC, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to the HQs 1st BN 1st Inf, Bldg 621. In the event of an emergency or if you are delayed and are not able to report by the correct date, please call 845-938-4509/2516 during duty hours and 845-938-8846 (SDNCO) during non-duty-hours.

MEDDAC INPROCESSING

MEDDAC Personnel Division Keller Army Community Hospital 900 Washington Road, Room 2E2

All USA MEDDAC personnel will report to Room 2E2 KACH upon arrival to West Point prior to 2100 hours or call 845-938-5169. Soldiers arriving after duty hours or on weekends must report to Bldg 620, Medical Company, or call 845-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 845-938-3245.

DENTAC INPROCESSING

HQ Commander Saunders Dental Clinic 606 Thayer Road PHONE: 845-938-4212 DSN 688-4212

FAX: 845-938-7688 DSN 688-7688

All DENTAC personnel arriving during duty hours will report to Saunders Dental Clinic, Bldg 606. Soldiers arriving after duty hours must report to Bldg 620 or call 845-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 845-446-3245.

BAND INPROCESSING

USMA Band Band Bldg, Egner Hall 685 Hardee Place PHONE: 845-938-2445 DSN 688-2445

FAX: 845-938-2617 DSN 688-2617

Newly assigned personnel with USMA Band will report to the Band Building, Bldg 685 during duty hours. After duty hours call HQ at 845-938-2445 to access the SDNCO message machine. The message will include the emergency contact phone number for the SDNCO of the day to call to check in and receive further instructions.

NORTHEAST VETERINARY SERVICE

SUPPORT DISTRICT

Chief Veterinary Services, West Point Branch 630 Hodges Place

PHONE: 845-938-3817 DSN 688-3817 FAX: 845-938-2205 DSN 688-2205

HAND CARRY:

It is important to hand carry those papers for the entire family that you will need upon arrival or soon after. Copies of orders and leave forms are required to sign into the gaining unit. Medical and dental records for the entire family, passports, birth and marriage certificates, school records, spouse employment records and references, copies of wills, divorce decree, adoption decree, naturalization papers, social security cards, car title and shipping papers if coming from overseas, car insurance policy information, driver's license, car registration, household goods shipping inventory sheets, pet records, and any other important documents should also be hand carried for easy access upon arrival. It is also a good idea to carry with you the last statements from all your bills.

WEST POINT ARMY LODGING FACILITY

The West Point Army Lodging Facility can be contacted at 1-800-GO ARMY1 or 845-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816 or 845-446-1028/1034. The West Point Army Lodging Facility Office is located in Bldg 2113 behind the Visitors Center. Reservations can be made up to 60-days before your arrival. Stays at the West Point Lodging Facility are LIMITED TO A 30-DAY PERIOD; requests for an extension to this 30-day limit are made through the manager of the West Point Lodging Facility.

The West Point Army Lodging Facility amenities include TV/VCR, toaster, coffee pot, iron, ironing board, full-size refrigerator, cooking/eating utensils and microwave. It is a good idea to bring along your CROCK-POT for extended stays.

*** West Point Army Lodging Facility ***

*** DOES NOT ALLOW PETS. ***

Accommodations range from efficiency apartments to single suites to family suites. Reimbursement from finance for PCS travel is accomplished on an actual cost not to exceed per diem basis during the period when PCS Temporary Living Entitlement (TLE) is authorized. (The TLE for West Point includes the actual cost of the lodging.) After the initial 10-day

period of TLE, the West Point Lodging Facility provides:

SINGLE room rate ranges from \$52 to \$67. DOUBLE room ranges from \$57 to \$72; plus \$5 for additional occupants; children age 2 and under are free.

After the initial 10-day period of TLE, the service member must pay the West Point Army Lodging Facility bill from his/her own pay and allowances that will include BAH for this area.

FOR THE REASONS OF HIGH COST AND POSSIBLE LONG WAITS FOR QUARTERS (ONE MONTH OR AS LONG AS NINE MONTHS), IT IS ADVISED THAT THE SERVICE MEMBER ARRIVE WITHOUT DEPENDENTS UNTIL A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE HOUSING SITUATION IS MADE.

NOTE: At times of full occupancy of the West Point Lodging Facility, Five Star Inn, PCSing personnel will be given the option of lodging at the Hotel Thayer Annex at the same daily rate as the West Point Lodging Facility.

See also Category RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, BILLETING or Category HOUSING, subject area, OVERVIEW, for local hotels.

COST OF LIVING:

The cost of living is high in this area. The BAH rates are higher here than in other parts of the country. Long waits of up to 9 months for quarters can create a real financial hardship. Having your family "stay put" at your last duty station or wait with family until housing is obtained is preferable. It is much better to PLAN TO stay in the West Point Lodging Facility for a month and then months in a local motel or temporary rental and then be pleasantly surprised if the wait is less.

A big expense for families can be boarding of pets. The West Point Lodging Facility does not accept pets; pets must be put in a kennel. Pet boarding can require that a family spends a great deal more than their BAH while awaiting housing.

CHILD CARE:

The Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) for Child Development (phone 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458) handles registration for ALL Child Development services. If eligible for care, you may CALL ahead and request to be placed on the Waiting List as soon as you are notified of your assignment to West Point. Placement on the Waiting List does NOT

guarantee care when needed. Placement in a program depends on openings available at the time you require care.

West Point's Child Development Services offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years under these branches:

> Child Development Center: 845-938-4798,

DSN 688-4798

> Family Child Care: 845-938-3921

DSN 688-3921

> School Age Services: 845-938-8898

DSN 688-8898

> Supplemental Programs and Services:

845-938-4458 DSN 688-4458

An annual family registration fee of \$15 for one child and \$35 for two or more provides for a Child and Youth Card for SEAMLESS SERVICE. Your family will then be entitled to enroll in the Child Development Center, CDS Part Day Pre-School, Family Child Care (FCC), School Age Services (SAS) and Youth Service programs.

HOME-ALONE Policy:

Remember, children may be left alone at eleven years of age for "reasonable periods of time" if they are in the fifth grade or above. Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR. For further information contact Family Advocacy Program at 845-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy Memorandum 39-02.

SCHOOLS:

WEST POINT SCHOOLS (WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & WEST POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL) REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to RESIDE IN POST HOUSING assigned on the United States Military Academy at West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced

uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact the DDESS General Counsel's Office for determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/separated parents are required.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be four by 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be five by 1 September.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

- Sirth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.
- Child's Social Security Number
- <> School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998, New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)
- <> Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.
- Report Card and complete mailing address of former school

West Point Schools, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. West Point Elementary School is for grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade four and West Point Middle School is for grades five through eight. The school year 02-03 will end on 6 Jun 2003.

The first day of school for grades 1-8 was on 20 August 2002 for school year 02-03. Winter Break for WPS is from 23 Dec - 3 Jan 03 and Spring Break from 17 Mar - 21 Mar 03. The semester ends on 16 Jan 03.

New entrant testing for grades 5-8 was held on 5-6 August 2002. In addition, a three-day STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP (mandatory) for grades 5-8 was given on 7, 8 and 9 August from 8:30-11:30.

Kindergarten Orientation for students and parents was 20 August 2002. Half day school for kindergarten was from 21-27 August 2002. First full day of kindergarten was 28 August 2002. The first day of preschool was on 27 August 2002.

Before and after school care is provided for a fee. Contact the Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) for Child Development office (phone 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458) that handles registration for ALL Child Development services. If eligible for care, you may CALL ahead and request to be placed on the Waiting List as soon as you are notified of your assignment to West Point. The SPS is your initial point of contact for School Aged Services on the installation.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The West Point School District is responsible for the assessment, identification, and education of children. ages 3-21 inclusive, who are classified as educationally disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A. 1991). To meet this requirement, a school-based team of specialists is available to review referrals, determine the need for evaluation and provide special education and related services. Service delivery models include: pull out programs, co-teaching, consultation, monitoring and homebound instruction. While every effort is made to educate the children in their regular classrooms, some placements are separate from regular classrooms. These separate placements are determined to be least restrictive in that a child is given an opportunity to participate in an educational program appropriate to his/her individual instructional level. All pull-out is based on specific criteria.

Child Find: If you suspect your child may have a disability, it is strongly recommended that you notify the school as soon as possible so that provision may be made to identify those needs.

Additionally, the West Point School District provides an enrichment program for our students. The enrichment program (Renzulli model) currently utilized for grades 1-6 is based on the idea that all students have high functioning areas. The enrichment program seeks to provide all students with higher level thinking skills and provides guidance and support to students wishing to pursue a project in depth.

PROGRAM: Allowances to Private Schools for the Blind, Deaf, Orthopedically and Emotionally Disabled

DESCRIPTION:

The allowances to 11 State supported private schools provide for the education of students who are deaf, blind, severely orthopedically or emotionally

disabled under '4201 of the Education Law and Chapter 1060 of the Laws of 1974. The State Supported Schools receiving aid under this program are:

SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF

Lexington School for the Deaf, New York (Queens)

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck New York School for the Deaf, White Plains

St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf, New York (Brooklyn)

St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, New York (Bronx)

SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND

New York Institute for Special Education, New York (Bronx)

Lavelle School for the Blind, New York (Bronx)

SCHOOLS FOR ORTHOPEDICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

Henry Viscardi School, Albertson

SCHOOLS FOR EMOTIONALLY DISABLED

New York State Institute for Special Education - Van Cleve Program

Chapter 1066 of the Laws of 1974, which added '4204-a to the Education Law, provides for State reimbursement of tuition costs for the education of deaf infants below the age of three and their parents attending programs approved by the Commissioner at various public and private facilities, including schools for the deaf listed in '4201 of the Education Law.

The annual appropriation for the '4201 program funds 35 percent of the prior school year operating expense and 65 percent of the current school year operating expense. In addition, the appropriation covers costs for the Deaf Infant Program, BOCES contracts, and the retirement costs of employees of the 11 State supported schools.

Please see also the EDUCATION Category.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls

School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.) Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

O'Neill High School (Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Schools) academic year 02-03 began on 4 Sept 2002 and will end on 25 Jun 2003. The Winter Recess will be from 23 Dec - 1 Jan. Spring Recess will be from 17 Apr - 25 Apr. The second semester will begin 3 Feb 03.

Contact the O'Neill High School guidance department or the principal's office at 845-446-4914 with any questions, especially those concerning Special Education Services.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (21 credits):

English, 4 Units
Social Studies, 4 Units
Mathematics, 2 Units
Foreign Language, 1 Unit
Science, 2 Units
Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit
Health, 1/2 Unit
Art/Music, 1 Unit
Sequence/Electives, 4 Units
Physical Education, 2 Units

For information on local schools, see the category, EDUCATION.

PETS:

The Army Lodging Facility (Five Star Inn) does not accept pets. If traveling with animals, PLAN AHEAD for their care as many motels do NOT allow pets. If space is not available in the post kennel, Morgan Farm Kennel 845-938-3926, DSN 688-3926, privately owned kennels are available in nearby communities.

NEWCOMERS BRIEFINGS:

The 1-1 HQ conducts Newly Assigned Soldiers Orientations, NASO, to acquaint the soldier and his/her family with the services available at West Point. MEDDAC conducts monthly briefings for the newly arrived. ACS, Relocation Readiness, conducts Newcomer Welcome Briefings twice a month June through August and as needed or requested throughout the year. The entire community welcomes all the newcomers at the Annual Community Fair the last Wednesday evening in July in the ballroom of Ike Hall.

MAIL WHILE EN-ROUTE:

You can use the address on your orders as your temporary mailing address or the address of your unit.

CAR RENTAL:

Enterprise: 845-774-7700 in Monroe, NY Mon-Fri 0730-1800, Sat 0900-1200

or call 1-800-rent-a-car

Enterprise will bring the car to you.

Other car rentals are at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, NY.

Avis: 1-800-331-1212 Budget: 1-800-367-0522 Hertz: 1-800-654-3131

DEERS UPDATE:

To expedite your inprocessing with MEDDAC and TRICARE, contact your local DEERS office (as you outprocess) and change your address to West Point. You can utilize the address printed on your orders as your new address until you obtain local housing in New York.

TELEPHONES and INTERNET ACCESS:

Verizon is one of the telephone service providers for this area. Call 890-2550, a local, toll-free number, to establish service once you are in NY. There is no area code, 1-800 or 1-888 to access this service; dial 890-2550 from a non-government office phone.

Phone calls outside the West Point, Highland Falls or Fort Montgomery area are local TOLL CALLS. Calling outside the 446-XXXX area will result in per minute charges. Verizon does offer a special per call rate for local calls. Discuss your calling plan with Verizon and be certain that you thoroughly understand the local toll call charges for all calls outside the (446- housing prefix, 938- office prefix, and 515- cadet prefix) area. This is especially true for internet users. Dialing in to an ISP is a toll call (no local 446- number for ISPs except for BestWeb, Frontier and possibly Earthlink) with per minute charges on your phone bill (and hotel bill). This can put a strain on your budget if you are unaware of local toll for calls outside the 446-XXXX area. BestWeb, 1-877-777-BWEB, Frontier, 1-888-238-3500, and possibly EarthLink, 1-800-395-8425, are

the only internet service providers that offer a local (non-toll) dial up number. Do not be fooled with a list of access numbers for your email service (ATT, Compuserve, AOL, Prodigy, etc.) as a local number with an area code of 845 --- these numbers are NOT THE SAME as 845-446-XXXX. At this time it is reported that Earthlink also has a local (non-toll) dial up access number in Highland Falls. Relocation Readiness cannot assure customers that dialing in to Earthlink at the published access number of 845-977-4492 will not involve local toll charges.

West Point is currently undergoing an extensive Revitalization Program that will greatly improve the quality of life when completed. West Point gives the impression of being geographically isolated because of the river and mountains that must be crossed to reach communities and services other than those found in the Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery area. An automobile is an advantage, as public transportation is very limited. Parking at West Point, however, is quite limited; bicycle and on-post shuttle bus use between quarters and office is encouraged.

SAFETY ALERT:

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Must Know Items

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G: 37	Installation	
Site Name	United States Military Academy at West Point	
Last Updated	November 01, 2002	
State/Territory	New York	
County	Orange	
ZIP Code	10996	
Service	USA	
Host Command		
Physical Size	16483	
	Personnel	
FSC/ACS Director		
Relocation Assistance		
Manager		
Relocation Assistance		
Specialist		
	Phones	
DSN Country Code		
DSN Number	688-2519	
Commercial Country Code		
Commercial Area Code	(845)	
Commercial Number	938-2519	
FAX DSN Country Code		
FAX DSN Number	688-3019	
FAX Commercial Country		
Code		
FAX Commercial Area Code	(845)	
FAX Commercial Number	938-3019	
Offic	cial Mailing Address	
Street Line 1	Attn: MAPA-FS-A (Relocation)	
Street Line 2	622 Swift Road	
City	West Point	
State/Territory	NY	
ZIP Code	10996-1985	
Deliverable Address		
Street Line 1	Relocation Readiness, ACS	
Street Line 2	622 Swift Road	
City	West Point	
State/Territory	NY	
ZIP Code	10996-1985	
E-Mail	ym3733@usma.edu	

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

For more information on this subject: USMA Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, NJ http://www.usma.edu/USMAPS/

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, is known as USMAPS and located at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The Prep School, or West Point Prep, was formally established in 1946, but the "history" of

"prepping" of soldiers for West Point has been done since Congress enacted legislation in 1916 authorizing appointments for soldiers to West Point. The school exists today as an "avenue of opportunity" to a carefully selected group of soldiers and civilians by providing them the academic, leadership and physical skills that will prepare them for success as cadets at the United States Military Academy.

The purpose of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School is to prepare selected candidates for admission to the United States Military Academy. To provide focused academic, military and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military school environment in order to prepare and motivate candidates for success at the United States Military Academy. West Point Prep prepares cadet candidates for West Point with a foundation that will last them beyond admission to the Academy and well into the future as leaders of character for the nation.

West Point Prep is primarily an academic institution that accepts students and soldiers with diverse backgrounds and challenges them to meet and exceed West Point's rigorous admission standards. As a military school with a career focus, West Point Prep also develops the foundation of professional and physical attributes needed for growth as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Listed below are the units that are located in New Windsor, NY at the Stewart Airport area. The Town of New Windsor, the Marine Corps (MAG 49), the Army Reserve and the NY Air National Guard have taken control of various areas of what once was a subpost. There are approximately 125 Marine families in housing and 75 Marines in the barracks. Call the Stewart Housing and Facilities Officer at 845-567-3477 or cell phone 504-250-0294. Stewart Housing and Facilities Office is located on Stewart at 2420 Avenue of the Americas, New Windsor NY.

MAG 49 DET B (USMC): 845-563-2902/2904/2905 DSN 636-2902 2D AVIATION DET: 845-567-1088/1164/1209 HQ 105th AIRLIFT WING (AIR GD): 845-563-2001/2002 DSN 636-2001/2002

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

Fort Monmouth, NJ is about 110 miles south of West Point. Take the Garden State Parkway South to exit 105. At the exit you will see a sign for Ft. Monmouth that directs you to take a right turn. You will make a loop and continue to follow signs, stay to the right and after one more turn you will come to the main gate straight ahead.

Fort Hamilton is located on the southwestern tip of Brooklyn. New York at the base of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. It is about 70 miles, or one and a half hours, away from West Point. Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway to the I-87 exit toward White Plains (exit 9-E). Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge. Stay to the right after crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge, get off Saw Mill River Parkway (the name changes to Henry Hudson Parkway then to the West Side Highway). Go through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and take Route 278 toward Staten Island. Take the last exit before the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (92nd Street Exit). Turn right at the traffic light. Go one block then turn left onto Fort Hamilton Parkway (FHP). Follow FHP to the Main Gate that will be on your left at the end of the street.

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

State/Country	Site Name	Service	Distance
New Jersey	Fort Monmouth	USA	110 miles
New York	Fort Hamilton	USA	70 miles

Regulations

NEW Cell Phone Law:

New York State is the first state in the nation to enact the hands-free cell phone while driving law. Using the cell phone in your hand while driving is an enforceable traffic infraction that carries a \$100 fine per violation. Headsets or speakers, including handsfree units are permitted. You must keep your hands on the wheel while driving in New York.

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VEHICLE INSURANCE (NY STATE):

In New York State, anyone, even a non-resident, who permits his or her vehicle to be driven in New York, must be able to prove that he or she has adequate liability insurance on that vehicle. If you are a non-resident and cannot provide such proof, your privilege to drive in New York may be revoked for at least one year. Your vehicle must be covered by liability insurance as long as it is registered, even if you do not drive it.

Minimum liability coverage of \$50,000 against the death of one person and \$100,000 against the death of two or more persons, \$10,000 against injury to one person and \$20,000 against injury to two or more persons, and \$5,000 against property damage is required. Coverage limits refer to death, injury or damage related to any one accident. "No-fault" auto insurance is issued in New York State. For more information on no-fault insurance, contact the New York State Department of Insurance, Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12257.

When you buy auto insurance, the insurance agent or broker gives you two insurance identification cards. The name(s) on these cards must match exactly the name(s) on your registration.

It is always important to contact your insurance agent and change the location of your car since your rates (costs) depend on the area in which you reside. Once you have adequate liability coverage, the following strategies can be used to save money on auto insurance: take as large a deductible as you can afford on collision and comprehensive coverage; if your car is over five years old and paid for, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage; take advantage of any discounts for which you are eligible such as for anti-theft devices, air bags, and Defensive Driving Class Certificate. The Defensive Driving Class with a \$30 fee is offered about twice a month through Community Recreation Division (845-938-2401 or DSN 688-2401). Successfully attending the 6-hour course can both lower your insurance rates and reduce your points, plus it is good for three years. Don't forget to SHOP AROUND since premiums for identical coverage vary widely from company to company. For additional information, contact the Army Community Service. Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program at 845-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

DRIVERS LICENSING, NY State:

The cost of an operator's license is about \$45. See listings below for Newburgh and West Haverstraw NY State Division of Motor Vehicles. These offices are where you get drivers licenses and register your motor vehicles and obtain NY State plates for your vehicles.

You must have a New York State license to drive in New York State unless you are a resident of another state or Canadian province and have a valid drivers license from there. Residents of most other countries may also drive in New York with a valid license from their home nations. You may not drive in New York State if you are under the age of 16, even if licensed elsewhere.

If you become a permanent resident of New York, the law requires you to obtain a New York license within 30 days and turn in your out-of-state license. With a few exceptions, it is illegal to hold both a New York license and a license from another state.

If you are a new resident licensed in a United States state, territory or possession, or Canadian province, you need only turn in your out-of-state license and pass the vision test to get a New York license. However, if your out-of-state license expired more than one year ago, you must also take written and road tests, and the safe driving course.

If you are a new resident licensed in a country other than Canada, you must take the vision, written and road tests, the safe driving course and turn in your foreign license. Foreign licenses turned into the Department of Motor Vehicles are destroyed. Apply for a New York license only if you become a resident of the state.

Before making a road test appointment, you must first complete an approved safe driving course, a five-hour course costing about \$25. You must have a learner's permit obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Driving schools are found in the telephone yellow pages under "Driving Instruction."

SEAT BELTS and CAR SEATS:

1. All PASSENGERS and the DRIVER in the front seat of a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt [Section 1229-c(3), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].

- 2. All children under the age of TEN must wear a SEAT BELT in the back seat [Section 1229-c(1), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].
- 3. All children under the age of TEN are required to be BUCKLED UP when traveling in recreation vehicles, mobile homes and campers.
- 4. The law states that children under the age of FOUR must be restrained in a federally approved CAR SEAT while riding on a school bus [Section 1229-c(11), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].
- 5. The law requires children under the age of FOUR to be restrained in a federally approved CAR SEAT [Section 1229-c(1), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]. The law does not specify weight.
- 6. Children under the age of FOUR riding in campers, recreation vehicles or mobile homes are required to be in a CAR SEAT.

BICYCLE and HELMETS:

It is a NY State law that all bicyclists are required to wear an Ansi Z approved helmet. Children under the age of five not operating a bicycle must be in an approved carrier. NO child under the age of one is allowed on a bicycle. Any violation of these laws may result in a fine up to \$50. West Point registration, helmet and reflective vest are highly recommended for all personnel operating bicycles. Helmets must be worn by all when on a scooter, bike, skateboard, or in line skates, regardless of age.

Bicycle laws require headlamps on front (white light visible during darkness), reflectors mounted front and rear of bicycle, reflective tires or reflex reflector mounted on spokes of each wheel and a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet.

*** OTHER REGULATIONS: ***

Remember, children may be left alone at eleven years of age for "reasonable periods of time" if they are in the fifth grade or above. Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR. For further information please call Family Advocacy Program at 845-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy Memorandum 39-02.

It is a NY State law that when operating a vehicle and the WINDSHEILD WIPERS are in use, HEADLIGHTS (not park lights) must also be used at the same time.

Rollerblades (in line skates) can be used in empty parking lots or on side streets. Rollerblading is not allowed on the main roads/streets.

PETS:

All cats and dogs outside a fenced yard must be restrained on a leash while in the residential areas at West Point. Owners are required to clean up after their pets.

If you are unsure of the regulations, contact the MP station (845-938-3333/3312, DSN 688-3333/3312). The NCOIC can answer your questions and/or refer you to the proper agency.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES:

Fishing and Hunting License, NY State Town Hall 213 Main Street Highland Falls, NY 10928 845-446-4280

In addition to a State License, you will need a fishing or hunting permit to fish or hunt at West Point. These may be obtained from the Community Recreation Division (see below).

Fishing and Hunting Permits, West Point Community Recreation Division Bldg 695 845-938-4455, DSN 688-4455 Fax 845-446-5503

In addition to a West Point Permit, you will first need a NY State license (see Fishing and Hunting License, NY State, above).

Listed below are some of the locations, point of contacts for permits, licenses, Identification Cards (ID), and vehicle licenses and registration.

Name: Identification Card, ID, and Pass
POC: Office of the Adjutant General (AG)
Address: MAAG-AG
622 Swift Road
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 845-938-3746
FAX: 845-938-2736
DSN Phone: 688-3746
DSN FAX: 688-2736

Comments:

0800-1600 Mon-Fri

To obtain family member identification (ID) cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) registration, the sponsor must accompany family members. Birth and marriage certificates with raised seals are required.

Name: NY State W. Haverstraw - NYSDMV

POC: New York State Dept of Motor Vehicles

Address: 50 Samsondale Plaza

Rt. 9W

City: West Haverstraw, NY 10993

Phone: 1-800-DIAL-DMV

Comments:

Hours:

0830-1600 Mon, Wed, Tues & Fri

Thursday 1000-1800

This office handles NY driver's licenses, learner's permits and vehicle registration and plates.

Name: Newburgh Branch - NYSDMV

POC: New York State Dept of Motor Vehicles

Address: 136 Lake St, Suite 5

Lakeside Plaza

City: Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone: 845-561-4077

Comments:

Hours: 0900-1700 Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri

Thursday 0900-1930

This office handles NY driver's licenses, learner's permits and vehicle registration and plates.

Name: Vehicle, Bicycle and Weapon Registration

POC: Provost Marshal's Office

Address: MAPM PMO

616 Swift Road

City: West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 845-938-2208/3119

FAX: 845-938-5845 **DSN Phone:** 688-2208

DSN FAX: 688-5845

WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/pmo/

Comments:

Hours: 0730-1700 Mon-Fri

This office handles Vehicle, Bicycle and Weapon Registration for all residents. Valid registration and insurance card are required for each vehicle, as well as a valid driver's license. All vehicles and personal weapons must be registered with the Provost Marshall's office. Bicycle registration is

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recommended.

Commonly Referenced Numbers

The area code for Orange County including West Point is 845. The DSN prefix for West Point is 688.

The USMA TELEPHONE ACCESS (Operator and Information) can be reached at 845-938-4011 with DSN 688-1110.

Emergency 911 is in effect for all telephones.

ACS LOAN CLOSET (ACS Relocation)

845-938-2519 DSN 688-2519 AMERICAN RED CROSS

845-938-4100 DSN 688-4100

1-877-272-7337 after duty, Fri & holidays

APPOINTMENTS, Medical -- TRICARE

1-888-999-5195

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

845-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621

ARMY LODGING FACILITY, WEST POINT 800-GO ARMY1

500-GO AKWI I

DSN 688-6816

845-938-6816

FAX 845-446-1038

CHAPLAIN, Post Chapel

845-938-2003/3504 DSN 688-2003/3504

CLUB. West Point

845-938-5120 DSN 688-5120

COMMISSARY

845-938-2512 DSN 688-2512

EMERGENCY - Military Police

911 or 845-938-3333 DSN 688-3333

EDUCATION CENTER

845-938-3762 DSN 688-3762

EXCHANGE, Main PX

845-446-5404/05/06

ER/Hospital Acute Care Clinic

and Ambulance

845-938-4004/4005 DSN 688-4004

HOUSING OFFICE

845-938-4500 DSN 688-4500

TOLL FREE 1-800-654-8845

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER, BESTWEB

877-777-BWEB

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER, EARTHLINK

800-395-8425

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER, FRONTIER

888-238-3500

LEGAL OFFICE, Staff Judge Advocate

845-938-3205 DSN 688-3205

TELEPHONE ACCESS

(Operator and Information)

845-938-4011 DSN 688-1110

TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, In Bound

845-938-3568 DSN 688-3568

TELEPHONE REPAIR

(except StonyII & GreyGhost)

845-938-3911 DSN 688-3911

TELEPHONE SERVICE, VERIZON

890-2550 toll free

TV CABLE, TIME WARNER CABLE

800-431-8878

Major Unit Listing

West Point is home for more than 1,400 military personnel. Although most military personnel are members of the Academy's Staff and Faculty and assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, there are several tenant units and activities to which you may be assigned.

UNIT: 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry

COMMAND: USMA

POC: Personnel Services NCO

845-938-8867 (-8846 after duty hours) DSN 688-8867 (-8846 after duty hours) FAX: 845-938-2097, DSN 688-2097

UNIT: Medical Activity (MEDDAC)

COMMAND: MEDCOM

845-938-4836 DSN 688-4836

FAX: 845-938-5164, DSN 688-5164

UNIT: Dental Activity (DENTAC)

COMMAND: DENCOM POC: Commander 845-938-4212

DSN 688-4212

FAX: 845-938-4302, DSN 688-4302

UNIT: United States Army

Information Systems Command

COMMAND: USAISC POC: Commander 845-938-7300 DSN 688-7300

FAX: 845-938-4870, DSN 688-4870

UNIT: Northeast Veterinary Service

Support District COMMAND: VETCOM

POC: Chief of Veterinary Services,

West Point Branch 845-938-3817 DSN 688-3817

FAX 845-938-2205, DSN 688-2205

2nd AVIATION DET:

845-567-1088/1164/1209

UNIT: U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School

LOCATION: FT Monmouth, NJ POC: Commandant, USMAPS

732-532-5307/5308 DSN 992-5307/5308

FAX 845-938-4870, DSN 688-4870

UNITS in the vicinity include:

MAG 49 DET B (USMC): 845-563-2902/2904/2905

DSN 636-2902

HQ 105th AIRLIFT WING (AIR GD):

845-563-2001/2002

DSN 636-2001/2002

411TH ENGR BDE (USAR):

845-567-0855/0730/0978

BEAR MOUNTAIN RCTG CO:

845-567-3441/3442 AMSA #4G (AR): 845-567-1093/4212

EMAIL:

1st BN 1st INF: 8inf@trotter.usma.edu MEDDAC: 8med@trotter.usma.edu DENTAC: 8dds@trotter.usma.edu Band: 8band@trotter.usma.edu USIASC: 8doim@trotter.usma.edu MPs: 8pmo@trotter.usma.edu 2nd Avn: 82avn@trotter.usma.edu

Transportation

For more information on this subject: Transportation in Orange County, NY

http://www.co.orange.ny.us/Expl/transportation.html

The United States Military Academy at West Point is located adjacent to Highland Falls, a village with a population of approximately 4000. West Point is geographically isolated. Public transportation, as such, does not exist. There is an on-post shuttle bus that operates Monday through Friday (duty hours only) at 30-minute intervals. It services the barracks and West Point housing areas.

There are numerous taxicab companies in the Newburgh area that service the Highland Falls area. A taxi ride from West Point to Stewart International Airport costs approximately \$25. In the West Point and Highland Falls area, you can call a local taxi at 446-TAXI.

CAR RENTAL:

Enterprise will bring the car to you. Call 845-774-7700 in Monroe, NY Mon-Fri 0730-1800, Sat 0900-1200

or call 1-800-rent-a-car

Other car rentals are at Stewart International Airport

in New Windsor, NY. Avis: 1-800-331-1212 Budget: 1-800-367-0522

Hertz: 1-800-654-3131

For SPACE A TRAVEL out of Stewart Airport call 845-563-2226 or DSN 636-2226 for a RECORDED message and current information on this service. If you have questions, call on Thursday between the hours of 0800 and 1000.

Trains, planes and automobiles -- all serve to get you around the area and beyond. A rather inexpensive mode of transportation in the area is the Shortline Bus Service. If your trip is a little further away, try Stewart International Airport. Do not forget to check with ITR (Information, Ticketing and Registration) Bldg 695, at 845-938-3601/2070, DSN 688-3601/2070, to see when they have a trip to NYC or other excursion planned (at maybe a lower cost than you could do on your own).

AMTRAK: Croton-on-Harmon, 1-800-872-7245; 15 miles

JFK (Kennedy) Airport: Jamaica, NY, 718-244-4444; 65 miles

LaGuardia Airport: Flushing, NY, 718-533-3400; 55

Metro North Railroad: Garrison, NY, 212-532-4900; 10 miles

Newark International Airport: Newark, NJ, 201-961-6000; 70 miles

SHORTLINE BUS

845-561-0734 or 1-800-631-8405

Shortline provides bus service from Newburgh to New York City 7 days a week with stops at West Point. A current schedule may be obtained at ACS Relocation, Bldg 622. Buses stop on West Point at the Visitors' Center, Thayer Gate and Washington Gate. Cost from Highland Falls to New York (Port Authority Bus Terminal) is approximately \$12 oneway and \$22 round trip.

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1035 First St. New Windsor, NY 12553 845-564-7200

Stewart International Airport (also listed as Newburgh, New York) is located at the intersection of New York Interstates 84 & 87 (New York State Thruway) about 15 miles from West Point. A number of large scheduled airlines serve Stewart. The convenience of flying out of Stewart speaks for itself. It allows you to avoid the frustrations of city traffic as well as being a much shorter drive to West Point. For airline reservations or information, contact AirTrans Airways at 1-800-247-8726; American Airlines at 1-800-433-7300; Midway Air Lines at 1-800-446-4392; ASA/Delta Air Lines at 1-800-282-

3424; Comair/Delta Connection at 1-800-354-9822; United Express at 1-800-241-6522; or USAir Express at 1-800-428-4322. SPACE A FROM STEWART: Call 845-563-2226 or DSN 636-2226 for a RECORDED message and current information on this service. If you have questions, call on Thursday between the hours of 0800 and 1000.

TAXI SERVICE:

Newburgh/Stewart Airport Area: 845-561-5000 (Orange Express) and 845-562-7444 (Tony's)

Name: Metro-North Railroad

WWW Link:

http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/index.html

Name: Shortline Bus

WWW Link: http://www.shortlinebus.com/

Name: Stewart International Airport

WWW Link: http://www.stewartintlairport.com/

Name: West Point printable map

WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/guidemap.pdf

Commissary and Exchange Operations

For more information on this subject:

AAFES online

http://www.aafes.com

Home football Saturdays will see the Commissary and AAFES operations closed for the day.

COMMISSARY, WEST POINT

Bldg 1200, Stony Lonesome Area 845-938-3663, DSN 688-3663

Hours: Closed Mon

0900-1800 Tues, Wed & Fri

0900-2000 Thurs

0800-1700 Sat

1000-1700 Sun

Hours are subject to change. It has a delicatessen (938-3462), bakery (938-3480), and farm fresh produce in season. The commissary takes credit cards and WIC checks. NOTE: The commissary is CLOSED on home football Saturdays.

See commissary link given below.

The Main Exchange, PX Shopping Center, is adjacent to the Commissary and the gas station/shoppette and Class VI in the Stony Lonesome Area.

AAFES MAIN EXCHANGE

Bldg 1204 Stony Lonesome Area West Point, NY 10996 845-446-5406/5405/5404

NOTE: Closed home football Saturdays. Hours daily Mon - Sat from 0900-1900 and Sun 1000-1800.

The following concessions are located with the main PX, Bldg 1204:

Burger King, Barber Shop, Beauty Shop, Frame Shop, Flower Shop, Laundry/Dry Cleaner/Tailor, Optical Shop, GNC Nutrition Shop, and the Arcade.

The following concessions are located at the site of the old PX, Bldg 683:

Mike's Sub Shop and Bistro Coffee Shop.

AAFES SERVICE STATION CLASS VI and SHOPPETTE

Bldg 1202 Stony Lonesome Area 845-446-3666

The Service Station is located adjacent to the Commissary and the PX Shopping Center in the Stony Lonesome Area. The gas station is co-located with the Class VI and a Shoppette. NOTE: Closed home football Saturdays.

Before you pack up the car and hit the road for your move or vacation, visit the Military Locations section on the AAFES website listed above at to see what AAFES facilities are along your route or are located near your vacation destination. Whether you need to gas up the car, purchase items you forgot to pack, or fill up your cooler with ice and snacks for your trip, the worldwide exchanges are there to serve you. Go to their website then click on the words "Military Locations" found at the top of the page. You can either use the interactive maps to find an AAFES Exchange or choose the name of the military installation from the appropriate drop-down menu. Each base/post page provides maps of the installation and building addresses, telephone numbers and hours of operation for all AAFES activities. For a very easy to use map of West Point visit the link below.

Name: West Point Commissary

WWW Link:

http://www.commissaries.com/stores/html/store.cfm?dodaac=HQCNE7

Local Community

Local Community Overview

Highland Falls is the great little village just outside Thayer Gate, across the street from the West Point Visitors Center. Highland Falls has beautiful churches and architecture steeped in history, as well as unique shops, places to stay and places to eat. It is within walking distance of the barracks and most housing areas. It offers many of the unique elements of the small town environment. The community consists of the Village of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery. While shopping for the back to school wardrobe can be accomplished in a trip to the mall, day to day shopping, religious activities, eating out, sight seeing, and socializing are just outside the gate. The local high school, James I. O'Neill, provides an excellent education for West Point's grades 9-12.

The earliest settlers of the Hudson Highlands were the Indians of the Algonquin tribe. Early Dutch settlers named the area "Buttermilk Falls," after the dashing brook that fell into the Hudson River. The Town of Highland now consists of Fort Montgomery (pop. 1500) and Highland Falls (pop. 4000). Many of the names in the area come from the Revolutionary War period. The first land grants here were established as early as 1723. The U. S. Government purchased privately owned land for its military post in 1790. In 1802, Congress decided upon West Point for the location of a school for training artillerists and engineers and by 1812 established it.

The Town of Highlands was originally part of the Town of Cornwall. In 1873, the towns agreed to become separate bodies. It was not until 1906 that the Village of Buttermilk Falls was incorporated officially as Highland Falls.

Ladycliff College was a four-year, women's liberal arts college, established in 1933 by the Roman Catholic Church. It became coed in 1970 and was closed by the church in 1980. At the present time it serves as West Point's South Post, which includes its Visitors Center and the West Point Museum with an extensive display of military history.

To the south of Highland Falls lies Bear Mountain State Park. Together with Harriman State Park, there are almost 54,000 acres of land set aside for hiking, camping and recreational activities. The Bear Mountain Bridge, built in 1924, spans the Hudson at one of its narrowest points.

Orange County located in southeastern New York State, covers eight hundred and fifty square miles. Bounded by the Delaware River on the west and the Hudson River on the east, its northern and southern boundaries have been established by various political and historical events. The landscape is beautiful and varied, from the dramatic bluffs overlooking the Hudson River to the lush forests of the Hudson Highlands and Ramapo Mountains.

The United States Military Academy at West Point is located adjacent to Highland Falls, New York, a village with a population of approximately 4000. West Point is geographically isolated.

Name: Dutchess County Tourism
WWW Link: http://www.dutchesstourism.com/

Name: Enjoy the Hudson Valley
WWW Link:

http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/index.htm

Name: Hudson Highlands
WWW Link: http://www.highlands.com/

Name: New York State Travel and Tourism Web site

WWW Link: http://www.iloveny.state.ny.us/

Name: Orange County Tourism

WWW Link: http://www.orangetourism.org/

Name: Rockland County Tourism
WWW Link: http://www.rockland.org/

Time Zone Chart

The Local Time Zone is Eastern Standard with spring through fall operating on Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Time Zone Chart

Location	Adjustment
	for GMT
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern	-5
(United States Military Academy at West	
Point)	
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

This area has four seasons. Summers are humid and very warm to hot; winters can be very cold with snow and ice storms.

Events Calendar

For more information on this subject: Events Calendar http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/events.htm

There is almost always something happening in the surrounding area. One of the best sources of "what's happening" around the Hudson Valley can be found in a free publication, "THE HUDSON VALLEY GUIDE". It is small with a yellow cover and can be picked up at any tourist office or welcome station as

you enter New York State. Follow the many links provided in the weblink given for this section.

ANNUAL MAIN STREET FALL FESTIVAL

Town of Highlands Community

Main Street

Highland Falls, NY 10928

Saturday before/after Columbus Day Weekend with sidewalk sales, food, antiques, crafts and farmer's market.

CATSKILL GAME FARM

Catskill, NY

518-678-9595

Date(s): 1 May - 31 October; Hours: 0900-1800. See wild and tame animals as well as a petting zoo. There is a picnic area if you would like to bring your own food. There are food stands available. Admission Fee charged.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT BEAR MOUNTAIN Bear Mountain Inn Route 9W Bear Mountain, NY 10911 845-786-2701

Date(s): 1 Dec - 1 Jan; Hours: 0900-2100. Charming, family-oriented Christmas festival with many gingerbread houses on display, an enchanted forest of decorated trees, music, caroling and special events.

INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT

Waterfront of Hudson River

Newburgh, NY 12550

Date(s): Labor Day Weekend; Hours: 1200-2400 Sat and Sun; 1200-2300 Mon. Ethnic foods, continuous entertainment, flea market, arts and crafts, and rides, call for more information.

MUSEUM OF THE HUDSON HIGHLANDS

off Rt 218

Cornwall, NY

845-534-7781

Hours: (Summer) (Winter)

1100-1700 Mon-Thurs 1400-1700 Mon-Thurs

1200-1700 Sat 1200-1700 Sat 1330-1700 Sun 1330-1700 Sun Natural history exhibits and nature walks.

NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

Sterling Forest, Route 17A Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

845-351-5171, after 1 June

Gates Open at 1100 and close at 1800. Weekends ONLY, end of July to mid-Sept & Labor Day - Over 65 acres of landscaped fairgrounds, featuring hundreds of costumed performers plus a Tudor style marketplace filled with crafts, games, food and drink. It is a recreation of 16th century English country faire with authentic period characters. There is entertainment for the whole family to include music, dance, Shakespeare, swordplay, children's theater, a living chess game, and a thrilling joust on horseback.

OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME

42 Stone Church Road Rhinebeck, NY 12572 845-758-8610

Air Museum is open 15 May-31 October from 1000-1700 daily. Saturdays and Sundays, mid-June through mid-October, there is an air show at 1400. Admission is free. The aerodrome presents antique aeroplanes in their natural setting and recaptures the thrill and excitement of old-time flying from the period of 1900-1937. Rides are also available on weekends.

SUGAR LOAF FALL & SPRING CRAFT FAIRS

Sugar Loaf Craft Village Sugar Loaf, NY 10981 845-469-9181

Date: Memorial Day Weekend & a Weekend in

October

Name: Guide to the Hudson Valley

WWW Link:

http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/index.htm

Cultural Attractions

Information, Ticketing and Registration, ITR, provides an extensive schedule of trips and minivacations to local and regional attractions. Special interest tours are arranged upon request. Vans provide transportation to New York City to museums and theater district and for sightseeing. Discount tickets and hotel reservations can be arranged. Information about local/nearby attractions and events is available. An annual event for ITR is a bus excursion to see the holiday show at RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL each December. Contact ITR at 845-938-3601/2070, DSN 688-3601/2070, for current information. The following list is but a starting point -- there are many cultural outlets in New York City. Don't forget about all the museums, exhibitions, and shows in "THE CITY".

EISENHOWER HALL THEATER

655 Pitcher Road

845-938-4159, DSN 688-4159

Eisenhower Hall, the Cadet Activities Center at the United States Military Academy, houses a two-balcony 4,500 seat auditorium. The hall's auditorium is considered to be the second largest theater of its type on the East Coast, second only to Radio City Music Hall. It has provided the stage for such plays as "RENT," "Footloose," and "Jekyll and Hyde," as well as Maureen McGovern, and Boston Pops. Season subscriptions as well as individual ticket sales are available.

BOX OFFICE:

0800-1130 and 1230-1600 Mon-Fri

The Box Office is open prior to performances for same-day sales. It is closed on weekends and holidays. However, for your convenience, there is a self-service ticket desk with order forms. The hours for the self-service desk are generally Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm, and most weekends.

INFORMATION, TICKETING AND

REGISTRATION (ITR) 695 Buckner Loop 845-938-3601/2070, DSN 688-3601/2070

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

ITR is the first stop you should make for information on Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, and Empire State Building tours. Special interest tours are arranged upon request. ITR also takes vans to the METS and Yankees home games where active duty military and family members with IDs are admitted free. ITR offers summer condo rentals at Myrtle Beach, SC, and reduced rate reservations at several major motel chains. Travel information on military recreation areas, Space A air travel and military lodging, as well as maps, brochures and train schedules are available. Vans provide transportation to New York City to museums and theater district and for sightseeing. Discount tickets and hotel reservations can be arranged. Information about local/nearby attractions and events is available. Join ITR for the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall in December; cost approximately \$50-60 from West Point.

Name: Eisenhower Hall Theatre

WWW Link: http://www.eisenhowerhall.com/

Name: Hudson Valley, Regional Information

WWW Link: http://www.hudsonvalley.org/

Name: Information, Ticketing & Registration (ITR)

WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/itr/itr.htm

Recreation Opportunities

For more information on this subject: Recreation in the Hudson Valley http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/rec.htm

Whether it is a cruise on the Hudson or a stroll through the Academy grounds, West Point is full of history and beauty. The post theater located in Mahan Hall in the central area provides an inexpensive evening of entertainment that most can walk to from the barracks or quarters. Take a look at the following list of recreation opportunities.

*** NEW ***
MWR Fitness Center
938-6490
Bldg 683
Old PX Bldg

The MWR Fitness Center is open. The hours are 0530-2000 Mon-Fri.; 0800-1300 Saturday; closed on Sunday. Conveniently located with ample parking as the facility is housed in the old PX building. This facility offers for a fee: Step Aerobics, Cardio Kickboxing, Jazzwecise, and Gentle Yoga. See the MWR web page for hours and points of contact for these classes.

WEST POINT VISITORS CENTER, MUSEUM and TOURS 2107 and 2110 Pershing Center (outside Thayer Gate) 845-938-2638, DSN 688-2638 Visitors Center Hours: 0900-1645 Mon-Sun

Wisitors Center Hours: 0900-1645 Mon-Su Museum Hours: 1030-1615 Mon-Sun

With almost three million visitors to West Point each year, this site is a busy place! The Visitors' Center houses displays depicting Cadet life and activities, including a model of a Cadet room. A video of academic life is shown regularly. A gift shop operated by Daughters of the United States Army carries a large variety of souvenir and sports items. Bus tours with a guide are available for a nominal fee. A photo ID is required for all adults wishing to take a tour. The site also houses the West Point Museum, a large collection of military memorabilia.

BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Route 9W South Bear Mountain, NY 10911 845-786-2701

Small nature museum and zoo. There is swimming in the pool in the summer and also ice skating during the winter months with hiking paths and special activities throughout the year.

COMMUNITY OPERATIONS DIVISION

603 Cullum Road 845-938-5120, DSN 688-5120

Fax: 845-446-5503 Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Community Operations Division operates the West Point Club, and the bowling center. The following party facilities may be rented through the West Point Club: the Train Station at South Dock, the 49er Lodge at Delafield Pond, the Golf Course Clubhouse, and the Ski Lodge.

COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION

695 Buckner Loop 845-938-2401/4455, DSN 688-2401/4455 Fax: 845-446-5503

Hours: 0800-1615 Mon-Fri

Community Recreation Division Administration Office accepts registration for all exercise, dance and defensive driving classes, and Boy Scout reservations for Lake Frederick. Hunting and fishing permits for use on the West Point Reservation. Reservations, and season passes for ski, skate, swim, and golf are also sold. Camping and hiking permits, along with garden plot assignments are coordinated through this office. Among the many recreational activities coordinated through this division include Arts & Crafts Centers, Automotive Centers, the Golf Course, Ice Skating, Morgan Farms Stables, and the outdoor recreation areas of Round Pond, Bull Pond, Lake Frederick and Victor Constant Ski Slope.

CONSTITUTION ISLAND TOURS

2104 Pershing Center 845-446-8676

Proximity to Site: depart South Dock

Tours: 1300 & 1400 Wed & Thurs, mid-June through

Oct

Office hours: 0900-1200 Tues-Thurs

Constitution Island is located across the Hudson River from West Point. It is part of the United States Military Academy, a National Registered Landmark. The Warner House and ruins of the Revolutionary War fortification are points of interest. The two-hour tour includes a boat ride on the Hudson, an escorted tour of 15 rooms of Warner House and a short walk to the ruins of Revolutionary War fortifications. Reservations recommended. Adult approximately \$8, Seniors and children (6-16)approximately \$7, child 5 and under \$2 with group rates available. The boat leaves promptly at 1300 and 1400 from West Point's South Dock. Mailing address: Constitution Island Association; Box 41; West Point, NY

HUDSON HIGHLAND CRUISES & TOURS PO Box 265

Highland Falls, NY 10928 845-446-7171

From May to October the Commander cruises the scenic Hudson River from West Point, Peekskill and West Haverstraw. Charters, dinners and luncheons, historic narrations are available. Approximate Rates: Adult: \$10-\$17; Seniors & Children: \$8-\$15. Light refreshments sold on board but full meals must be ordered in advance.

MOVIE THEATER - DESTINTA NEW WINDSOR

215 Quassaick Ave. New Windsor, NY 12553 845-569-0300

Approximately 15 miles from West Point. Reduced price tickets are available at ITR, Bldg 695 Buckner Loop.

POST MOVIE THEATER, AAFES Mahan Hall 845-446-5446

Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. The facility is open to all military identification card holders. Show times are generally 1930. *Temporarily closed for renovation*

Name: 1. MWR Homepage

WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/

Name: 2. Destinta Movie Theater

City: New Windsor, NY

WWW Link:

http://www.destinta.com/theatrelocationnewwindsor 12.htm

Name: Activities, Orange County Tourism

WWW Link: http://www.orangetourism.org/

Name: Area Attractions (from Hotel Thayer)

WWW Link: http://www.hotelthayer.com/wlo/HT-

home.html

Name: New York's Hudson Valley

WWW Link: http://www.hudsonriver.com/

Military Related and Civic Organizations

For more information on this subject: Soldiers' Sailors' Marines' and Airmen's Club http://www.ssmaclub.org

A list of military and civic organizations follows:

Association of Graduates, AOG Herbert Alumni Center 698 Mills Road

Phone: 845-938-1500, DSN 688-4600

The AOG operates on a duty hours schedule Mon-Fri. There is an Alumni AOG Gift Shop located within the building that offers USMA and Army gifts and souvenirs. Hours for the Gift Shop: Mon - Friday, 0900 - 1630; Football Saturdays, 0900 - 1800; phone 845-446-1670.

BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA and CUB SCOUTS GIRL SCOUTS of USA

Contact Youth Services 500 Washington Road

500 Washington Road

Local scouting information can also be obtained by calling West Point Youth Services at 845-938-3550/3727, DSN 688-3550/3727.

Rotary Club

Rotary Club meets for breakfast at the West Point Club each Thursday morning at 0730.

Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club (NYC) 283 Lexington Ave. (at 37th Street) New York, NY 10016-3540

Phone: 212-683-4353 or 800-678-8443

Fax: 212-683-4374

The Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club is a not-for-profit organization providing affordable rooms for members, former members, federal employees, and retirees of the armed forces. Enlisted personnel pay \$25-30 per night, officers and retirees (all ranks) \$40, Veterans (all ranks) and federal employees \$40 per night. Established in 1919, it is a place where service members can congregate and have clean, safe and comfortable sleeping quarters. The SSMAC is located in the historic Murray Hill section of New York City. In lower midtown Manhattan, it is close to famous sites and within walking distance to the theater district, Fifth Avenue and Grand Central Station (easily reached by Metro North train in Garrison). To make a reservation to stay at the SSMAC or for price information call 212-683-4353 or toll free at 800-678-8443.

USO (Manhattan)
MacARTHUR USO
Port Authority Bus Station
8th Avenue and 42nd St.
New York, NY
Phone: 212-695-6160

Fax: 212-695-5734 Hours: 1130-1930 Mon-Sat

The USO is the place to get information on New York City -- tour ideas, discount on hotels and on tickets to cultural events -- as well as a hot cup of coffee or a soda and a friendly ear in the middle of one of the world's busiest cities. The USO is located on the second floor near the post office in the Port Authority Bus Station. The USO can make reservations at a discount rate at some local hotels for any eligible patron. While these are not free, they are usually less expensive than rooms you may reserve on your own. Check with the USO for information on tours. FREE tickets to a variety of On- and Off-Broadway productions as well as various cultural affairs, sporting events and clubs, are available on a same-day basis from the USO after 1700. They are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, except for matinees, which are distributed in the morning until show time. The USO has discount exchange coupons (save up to 40%) available for Broadway

and Off-Broadway shows that can be taken to the box office for purchase, or used to purchase tickets by phone (with credit card). Call the USO for dates and times available on each show coupon. Occasionally, they have passes to various talk shows taping in NYC. Great Adventure Theme Park (NJ) discount tickets are also available.

Veterans Service Agency 361 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: 845-562-1446 Proximity To Site: 15 miles

For a more complete list of services for veterans, also call Army Community Service at 845-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621/2519. NATIONAL TOLL FREE TELE Phone SERVICE 1-800-827-1000.

Name: Association of Graduates of West Point

WWW Link: http://www.aog.usma.edu/

Shopping

Highland Falls is the town adjacent to West Point. There are several gift shops, two hardware stores, supermarkets, a pet supply store, a veterinarian, several dentists, several small grocery stores, delis, video rental shop and an ice cream shop. There is a McDonald's and a variety of restaurants. It is well worth becoming acquainted with services in this village because of its convenient location.

Vails Gate is a community about 15 miles north of West Point and about 10 minutes from Stewart Airport. It is reached by taking 9W North. In the area known as "Five Corners", there are several strip-type shopping centers. This is also the closest location with an assortment of fast-food restaurants. (See Category INSTALLATION, subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS for directions on To DRIVE FROM WEST POINT TO STEWART and FROM STEWART TO WEST POINT. You will find "Five Corners" in these directions.)

WALMART is on Union Ave in New Windsor/Newburgh close to Stewart Airport. Recently, SuperWalmart opened in Harriman/Central Valley near Woodbury Commons Outlet Park. This SuperWalmart is easily accessible. Exit Washington Gate and onto Rt 293. Home Depot is also next door to this SuperWalmart. Across the Newburgh Beacon Bridge on RT 9 North at Exit 13 off I-84, there is a Super Walmart and a Sam's Club; a Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Denny's all within 1/8 mile of interstate 84.

Some nearby shopping malls are:

Galleria at Crystal Run; Middletown; 40 min

Galleria at Poughkeepsie; 35 min

Nanuet Mall; 35 min Newburgh Mall; 30 min

Palisades Park Center; Nyack; 35 min Walmart Superstore & Home Depot;

Harriman; 20 min

Woodbury Commons Designer Outlet Mall;

Central Valley; 25 min

Several of the most popular malls in New Jersey and Connecticut are not much further away than malls in New York.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

For more information on this subject: Orange County Services, Index http://www.orangeny.com

Your first line of information and referral can be the staff at the Army Community Service, 622 Swift Road. Call 845-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621 for assistance in locating the agency or program to address your needs or concerns before and after your move.

Listed below are but a sampling of social service agencies. Contact the Exceptional Family Member Program Manager or the Family Advocacy Manager at Army Community Service for details and a resource directory of local, state and national agencies and support groups. The FAP and EFMP operate on an appointment basis.

American Red Cross 622 Swift Rd.

Phone: 845-938-4100, DSN 688-4100 Fax: 845-938-8284, DSN 688-8284

Hours: 1030-1530 Mon-Thurs; closed Fridays After Hours & Holidays Toll Free 1-877-272-7337.

Army Community Service/Family Advocacy FAP Manager

622 Swift Road

Phone: 845-938-4621/2519 DSN 688-4621/2519 Fax: 845-938-3019 DSN 688-3019

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Child Welfare Services
1 Corwin Court

Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: 845-561-8882 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720 Toll Free

Services offered include Child Protective Services, foster placement, and information and referral.

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)

Application for Military

26 Federal Plaza

(located at Worth and Broadway)

New York, NY 10278 Phone: 212-264-5864 Proximity To Site: 65 miles

Mental Health Association,

Orange County 99 Main Street Goshen, NY 10924 Phone: 845-294-7411 Fax: 845-294-7348 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

Services Offered include crisis prevention and intervention, support groups, counseling, and information and referral. On post, contact Community Mental Health, Keller Army Community Hospital at 845-938-3441/4705, DSN 688-

3441/4705.

Social Services, Orange County Dept

104 2nd Street Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: 845-294-4395 Fax: 845-294-2690 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Mon-Fri

SERVICES:

- * Child Protective Services
- * Protective Services to Adults
- * Public Assistance
- * Food Stamps
- * Medical Assistance
- * Child & Family Services
- * Child Support
- * Day Care
- * Foster Care
- * Adoption
- * Information & Referral

Eligibility: Public Assistance, food stamps, medical assistance programs are subject to meeting income eligibility requirements. Services such as Protective and Preventive Services to Children and Adults, and Information and Referral are available without regard to income. Contact Family Advocacy Program at

Army Community Service at 845-938-2519/4621 for family assistance providers, services and agencies both local and country wide.

United Way of Orange County 35 Matthew Street Goshen, NY 10924 Phone: 845-294-5100

Fax: 845-294-1419 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

Veterans' Affairs, NY State Division Veterans' Affairs Counselor 290 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone: 845-562-1446 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

NATIONAL TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE

1 800-827-1000

Contact Army Community Service at 845-938-2519/4621 for a list of veterans services. See also Veterans' Service Agency, Orange County listing below.

Veterans' Service Agency, Orange County 7577 Western Avenue Goshen, NY 10924

Phone: 845-294-5151, ext. 1216

Fax: 845-294-9746

NATIONAL TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE

1-800-827-1000

Contact Army Community Service at 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621 for a list of veteran's services. See also Veterans' Affairs listing above.

Women, Infant and Children, WIC Orange County Dept. of Health 141 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone: 845-562-5850/5832 Fax: 845-561-1838 Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

Services offered include food, nutrition and health information for pregnant and nursing women and for children under five years of age. There are WIC coupons that provide for (free) specific foods such as formula, milk, cheese, etc. that can help to feed the children if you qualify. If you have small children or are pregnant, call to ask about this valuable program and make an appointment to visit this office.

WIC applications are also available at the Army Community Service Center, Bldg. 622 Swift Rd., (845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

For more information on this subject: Orange County Directory of Programs and Services http://www.mhaorangeny.com/MHAPrograms.htm

Contact the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Manager or the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Manager for details and resources for local, state and national agencies and support groups. The EFMP manager and FAP manager can be contacted at 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621, ACS Center 622 Swift Rd., West Point.

Religious Activities

For more information on this subject: Worship Services at USMA http://www.usma.edu/chaplain/

The following is a list of nearby religious activities in Highland Falls. For more complete listings refer to the local phone directory. For a list of religious activities on West Point refer to the Category, SUPPORT SERVICES, subject area, CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. Episcopal services are held just outside Thayer Gate at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Highland Falls.

Church of the Holy Innocents: 845-446-2197 Grace Baptist Church: 845-446-4086

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic: 845-446-4609 St. Marks Baptist Church: 845-446-4369 St. John AME Zion Church: 845-446-3734 United Church of the Highlands: 845-446-9444

Community Transportation

For more information on this subject: Transportation, Orange County http://www.co.orange.ny.us/transportation.html

West Point is geographically isolated. Public transportation, as such, does not exist. There are numerous taxicab companies in the Newburgh area and two that service the Highland Falls area. For a list of trains, planes, and taxis refer back to the Category INSTALLATION, subject area TRANSPORTATION.

Education

Education Overview

PCSING WITH A SCHOOL AGE CHILD:

>> Notify the current school of your move and give them the address of the gaining school if known. Request a copy of your student's SCHOOL RECORDS. It's nice to have your own copies to get your child registered in the correct courses before the official transcripts arrive. (You will need to request a copy in advance.) Keep the address and phone number of the current school to give to your child's new school so they can formally request the official transcripts.

>> One additional list that is especially helpful for the students to have available when registering at the new school is a list of the textbooks and publisher for the academic subjects completed at the previous school. Course names or identifiers are not universal and may be misinterpreted. It is best to be prepared in advance so that the student is placed in the appropriate courses.

>> Look up your new installation on SITES for registration requirements of the gaining school. See if they have a Youth Sponsorship program for your child to contact. Find out when school starts and arrange summer vacation around the start date. Keep your child informed about what you find out about the new school and the activities offered. Talk to your child about any concerns he/she has about the new school, required courses, extra curricular activities, making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends. For more information on the School Liaison Program or information on schools in the West Point area, contact the West Point SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM by YB0130@usma.edu or calling 845-938-2025, DSN 688-2025.

>> HAND CARRY the following paperwork: Shot records, copy of last report card, IEP (if your child has one), copy of school records, birth certificate, social security card, any court documents concerning custody, adoption and guardianship.

>> KEEP ALL PAPERWORK AWAY FROM THE PACKERS!! Put them in their own folder or envelope in a suitcase or bag you are hand carrying. Some people put the items they hand carry in a locked room or closet, in their car, or at a neighbor's home so the movers don't accidentally pack them.

>> Schedule a SCHOOL PHYSICAL as soon as you arrive if one is required to register at the new school. Register your student as soon as you determine the school he/she will attend. You do not want your child disappointed on the first day of school because the registration process was different than expected.

>> Create a student PORTFOLIO for middle and high school students. Has your child volunteered for activities at school? Ask for a letter of recommendation from the activity advisor. Has your student participated in JROTC or sports? Ask for a letter from the coach or teacher. Keep these to give to the new school in place of tryouts if possible, or use for college admission and scholarship applications. Better to get the letters while the teacher's memory of the student and his/her accomplishments are fresh rather than wait until graduation approaches and the college application process requirements are being gathered.

Your school-aged child will attend one of the free public or paid private schools in the area, depending upon where you live. For a list of local private schools, see PRIVATE SCHOOLS, the subject area following PUBLIC AND DODDS SCHOOLS. The West Point School District and the West Point Schools are located on the grounds of the United States Military Academy. West Point Elementary School is for grades Pre-Kindergarten through four and the West Point Middle School is for grades five through eight. The challenging and stimulating curriculum and extra-curricular activities contribute to an outstanding education for the West Point Schools' students. Approximately 730 children in the grades of Pre-Kindergarten through eight are in attendance, all of which live on the grounds of the Military Academy. Those students (K-12) not living on West Point will attend their school district's public schools or a private school (with tuition). There are no before and after school programs provided by West Point Schools. West Point Elementary School became a participant in the National School Lunch Program and is subsidized by both the State and Federal Governments. The objective of this program is to provide the students with a well-balanced, nutritious lunch with selections from the major food groups including fluid milk. Currently, lunch is served in Building 705 and daily schedules have been set to allow students sufficient time to eat. Children may also bring lunch from home and purchase alacarte items (milk, fresh fruit, and snacks) to supplement their nutritional requirements. Students who live too far from school to walk to and from school are transported by bus. Only these students may ride the bus. Bus students in grades K-6 may not walk home from school without a written request from the parent to the Principal. Bus schedules are carefully developed dependent upon residence. Students ride only their assigned bus. Parents must make their own transportation arrangements for after

school activities. (i.e. scouts, visiting a friend.) The only exception is for childcare purposes; this exception is granted by the principal after advanced written notice is received if space is available on the designated bus.

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a comprehensive public junior/senior high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 625 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.) Approximately 200 O'Neill High students grades 9-12 live on the grounds of West Point. The government provides transportation to the high school. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year. There are no before or after school programs outside the extracurricular activities (football, soccer, school play, etc.)

Preschool at the West Point School is available for children residing on West Point. Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. The purpose of the program is to provide an environment where all children can participate in developmentally appropriate experiences, which will enhance the child's background and readiness for a full day school program. The program will be divided into a morning program and an afternoon program. Classes will be held AT the West Point Elementary School (705-A).

The West Point School District is responsible for the assessment, identification, and education of children, ages 3-21 inclusive, who are classified as educationally disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A. 1991). To meet this requirement, a school-based team of specialists is available to review referrals, determine the need for evaluation and provide special education and related services. Service delivery models include: pull out programs, co-teaching, consultation, monitoring and homebound instruction. While every effort is made to educate the children in their regular classrooms, some placements are separate from regular classrooms. These separate placements are determined to be least restrictive in that a child is given an opportunity to participate in an educational program appropriate to his/her individual instructional level. All pull out is based on specific criteria.

Additionally, the West Point School District provides an enrichment program for their students. The enrichment program (Renzulli model) currently utilized for grades 1-6 is based on the idea that all students have high functioning areas. The enrichment program seeks to provide all students with higher level thinking skills and provides guidance and support to students wishing to pursue a project in depth.

To further your education, contact the Army Education Center (AEC) to see what is available at your Education Center. See listing below for details. Contact at the Education Center at 845-938-3762 or DSN 688-3762 with email of YK6607@usma.edu for information especially for out-of-state tuition for military and family members (and any possible exemptions).

ARMY EDUCATION CENTER, AEC

Temporarily Located in Visitors Center Bldg 2107, basement 845-938-3762, DSN 688-3762

Fax: 845-938-3762, DSN 688-3762

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Programs include: Basic Skills Education Program, Defense Language Institute Headstart, Advance Skills Education Program, college degrees (Associate in Arts degrees, Associate in Science degrees, Bachelor of Arts degrees, Bachelor of Science degrees, Master's in Public Administration, Master's in Business Administration, Master's in Counseling and Master's in Elementary Education) and teaching certification courses. Educational counseling services, financial aid guidance, and both military and civilian testing programs are available.

Below is a list of Colleges and Universities that hold classes on West Point; all representatives are located in the basement of the Visitors Center, (DSN numbers are not available):

C.W. Post/Long Island University 845-446-3818; 0930-1630 Tues & Thurs John Jay College 845-446-5959; 0830-1630 Tues & Thurs Mount Saint Mary 845-938-3360; 0900-1600 Tues & Thurs Orange County Community College 845-446-2445; 100-1400 Tues & Thurs St. Thomas Aquinas 845-446-2555; 0900-1600 Tues & Thurs

For either you or the children, see other subject areas in this category, PUBLIC AND DODDS SCHOOLS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, ADULT OR CONTINUING EDUCATION, and SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Name: SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

City: West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 845-938-2025 FAX: 845-938-8597 DSN Phone: 688-2025 DSN FAX: 688-8597

E-Mail: YB0130@usma.edu

WWW Link:

http://209.100.134.195/mwr/cys/school_liaison/scho ol liaison.htm

Comments:

The role of the school liaison officer is to serve as a conduit of school information. In all instances the school liaison officer represents the command and is the primary point of contact for school matters. On some Issues, school liaison officers serve as an intermediary, in which their primary responsibility is to connect people or to work directly with families and schools on behalf of the command. They are also the unit's coordinators for partnerships in education.

The School Liaison Officer has four major responsibilities:

Informing and representing the command Assisting military families Coordinating with local school systems Forging partnerships and linkages between the

military, schools, and communities

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject:
DoD Education Activity Schools
http://www.odedodea.edu/data/areasites.cfm?dodaac
=HEVAS6

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In addition to the Pre-Kindergarten Program at the West Point Elementary School, Child Development

Services offers a preschool program at the Child Development Center. Contact Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) at 845-938-4458 or DSN 688-4458 for registration and in depth information.

West Point Schools are members in good standing of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS). The West Point Schools, as with all other DDESS school systems, are generally comparable to the basic curriculum of the state in which located, i.e., the State of New York. However, the curriculum is adapted to prepare our students for transfer to any other school system regardless of where that system is located. In addition to instruction in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and health, children receive instruction from specialists in art, music, physical education, and computer skills. Pupil teacher ratio is about 12:1 at the West Point Schools. Special Subjects in the West Point Schools include Art, Exceptional Children's Programs, Health, Guidance, Instrumental Music, Library, Music, Physical Education, Spanish and Technology Education.

West Point Schools are for those residing on post only. However, DoD Directive 1342.26 of Section 2164, Title 10, USC provides that where a member of the Armed Forces is assigned to an installation on which there is a Section 6 School Arrangement (old title, now DDESS) and assigned on-post family housing that is expected to be available for occupancy and to be occupied within 90 school days, the member's children may be permitted to attend the school while residing in an area adjacent to the installation. Transportation for such children is the responsibility of the parent. Only those children meeting statutory and regulatory requirements for enrollment may attend the DDESS Schools; there is no provision for a waiver of the enrollment requirements. Therefore, enrollment of children whose sponsors are awaiting family housing must be limited to 90 school days and cannot be extended if family housing on the installation is not available and occupied on or before the expiration of the 90 schoolday authorization. The initial housing list on which a member's name appears, indicating housing will be available within 90 school days, must be used by the school in determining eligibility of children under tile 90 school-day limit. Students not residing on-post after 90 school days will be withdrawn and permitted to attend the DDESS Schools only after on post family housing is occupied.

Summer school classes at WPS are only provided for special needs children that are referred by an IEP.

The four weeks of summer instruction, Monday through Thursday, are without cost to the student.

Speech Language services are provided for children ages 3-14 years (preschool - 8th grade) who are determined to be eligible. Eligibility is determined by the administration of a battery of Speech Language tests given by the Speech Language Pathologist, as a result of an initial referral by a team of teachers and parental consent. A Special Committee meeting is held to discuss the results of testing and determine the needs of the child. A regular education teacher, a teacher of the exceptional education program, the speech pathologist, the parent and the committee chairperson must be present at the meeting. If the child is eligible for Speech Language therapy, an Individualized Education Program will be established and meeting to discuss goals and program will take place.

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The grading system of the WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is as follows:

- ** Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten receive comments not letter grades.
- ** Grades 1 and 2 receive comments and checks at Very Good, Good, Needs Improvement, or Having Difficulty.
- ** Grades 3 and 4 receive letter grades where an A= 90-100, B= 80-89, C= 70-79, D= 65-69 and F= below 65.

The grading system of the WEST POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL is as follows:

- ** Grades 5 and 6 receive letter grades where an A= 93-100, B= 87-92, C= 80-86 and D= 70-79.
- ** Grades 7 and 8 do not receive letter grades. The students get a number grade only.

WEST POINT SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to reside in post housing assigned on the United States Military Academy at West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact DDESS General Counsel's Office determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/ separated parents are required.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before 1 September.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

- Sirth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.
- Child's Social Security Number
- School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998, New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)
- Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.
- <> Report Card: from previous year

West Point Schools, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. West Point Elementary School is for grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade four and West Point Middle School is for grades five through eight. The school year 02-03 will end on 6 Jun 2003.

School year 02-03 had the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 20 August 2002. Winter Break for WPS is from 23 Dec - 3 Jan 03 and Spring Break from 17 Mar - 21 Mar 03. The semester ends on 16 Jan 03.

New entrant testing for grades 5-8 was held on 5-6 August 2002. In addition, a three-day STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP (mandatory) for grades 5-8 was given on 7, 8 and 9 August from 8:30-11:30.

Kindergarten Orientation for students and parents was 20 August 2002. Half day school for kindergarten was from 21-27 August 2002. First full day of kindergarten was 28 August 2002. The first day of preschool was on 27 August 2002.

It is advisable for parents to hand carry important school related documents (birth certificates, social security card/numbers, immunization records, previous school records, etc.)

If you will have children attending the West Point Schools, please contact the Registrar at the schools, 845-938-3506 or DSN 688-3506, to let the schools know when, how many and what grades your children will be attending. This will allow the school to have a better view of the student population for the coming academic year.

WPS Dress:

Apparel for school should be neat, clean, and appropriate for a school situation. Clothing such as shorts that are shorter than mid-thigh or other attire that does not cover i.e. the navel, neckline, etc. are not appropriate. Tattered or unkempt clothing or clothing with logos that promote alcohol, drugs, or sex is not permitted in school or at any school function.

Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Central School District:

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a comprehensive public junior/high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.) Free transportation to the high school is provided by the government for those students on

post. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

Summer school classes may not be offered at James I. O'Neill High School. Summer classes may be offered at neighboring high schools. Contact O'Neill's guidance office at 845-446-4914 for updated information concerning possible summer school classes for the summer of 2002. Also, the fees, if any, have not been determined at this time.

James I. O'Neill High School is located near the Hudson River, about 50 miles north of New York City. The cosmopolitan school population is approximately 625 (grades 7-12). The great majority of the student body is enrolled in college preparatory courses. There are seven academic periods (plus lunch and Phys. Ed./Labs) of forty-two minutes each.

With O'Neill High School, literally, located "at the gates" of West Point, one-third of its student body (grades 9-12) consists of students that live on the grounds of West Point. Students from the Village of Garrison, a small community located directly across the Hudson River from the Town of Highlands, also attend O'Neill High School (grades 9-12). Grading is A=90-100; B= 80-89; C= 70-79; D= 65-69 and F= 64 and below (failing). An Advanced Placement course provides 4 extra points and Honors classes 3 extra points when calculating the GPA and class rank.

In 1999, 84% of the Class of '99 took the S.A.T. with a mean S.A.T Verbal of 542 and mean S.A.T. Math of 532. The Class of '99 had 55% entering a four-year college and 35% entering a two-year college. Out of the 97 graduates in 99, there was 1 National Merit Scholarship, 3 Nation Merit Commendations, 9 Military Academy Appointments and 4 ROTC (4yr) Scholarship awarded. Also in 1999, thirty-seven students sat for seventy-nine Advanced Placement examinations in eight subjects that included English, American History, Chemistry, Spanish, French, Calculus, Physics, and Studio Art. 71% of the grades were 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement exams. In 2000, the Class of '00 had 61% entering a fouryear college and 26% entering a two-year college. Out of the 99 graduates in 2000, there was 1 National Merit Commendation. In 2000, 78% of the Class of '00 took the S.A.T. with a mean S.A.T. Verbal of 532 and mean S.A.T. Math of 533.

The Enrichment Program consists of group activities/enrichment outside the usual curriculum plus supervised mentor-guided independent study.

Lunches are available at the schools in the district. Free and/or reduced priced lunch programs are available throughout the district.

Apparel for school should be neat, clean, and appropriate for a school situation. Tattered or unkempt clothing and clothing with logos that promote alcohol, drugs, or sex are not permitted.

HIGHLAND FALLS/FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Admin Offices are located in the O'Neill High School Building)

P.O. Box 287 Highland Falls, NY 10928, 845-446-9575

The district includes the Town of Highlands (Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, and Bear Mountain.) High school students from West Point and Garrison in Putnam County also attend with about 1,000 students and 65 teachers in the district that includes an elementary and middle school.

O'Neill High School (Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Schools) academic year 02-03 begins on 4 Sept 2002 and will end on 25 Jun 2003. The Winter Recess will be from 23 Dec - 1 Jan. Spring Recess will be from 17 Apr - 25 Apr. The second semester will begin 3 Feb 03.

The Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Central School District also includes an elementary school and a middle school for those students residing in the district.

Name: 1. WEST POINT SCHOOLS, WPS

POC: Registrar

Address: 705 & 705-A Washington Rd.

City: West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 845-938-3506 **FAX:** 845-938-3506 **DSN Phone:** 688-3506 **DSN FAX:** 688-3506

Comments:

WPS includes Preschool through grade 8. The academic year coincides with the cadet class schedule, so school begins in mid-August and ends about the first week of June. Special programs are: Gifted and/or Enrichment class for Grades 2-6; computer classes; full-day kindergarten; self-contained learning disabilities classes; speech articulation and speech and language; and remedial reading. There is also an active parent volunteer program and Parent Teacher Organization, PTO. West Point School is part of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, DoD DDESS. The 02-03 academic year is from 20 August 02 and the last day of school will be 6 June 2003.

NOTE: If you will have children attending the West Point Schools, please contact the Registrar to let the schools know when, how many and what grades your children will be attending. This will allow the school to have a better view of the student population for the coming academic year.

Name: 2. WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WWW Link: http://www.quan-hs.odedodea.edu/wpes/index.htm

Name: 3. WEST POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

WWW Link: http://www.quan-hs.odedodea.edu/wpms/index.htm

Name: 4. JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

Address: Route 9W

City: Highland Falls, NY 10928

Phone: 845-446-4914

WWW Link:

http://int11.mhrcc.org/hfcsd/jiopage.html

Proximity to site: 2 miles

Comments:

Visit the link given for the Highland Falls school calendar.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (21 credits):

English, 4 Units
Social Studies, 4 Units
Mathematics, 2 Units
Foreign Language, 1 Unit
Science, 2 Units
Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit
Health, 1/2 Unit

Sequence/Electives, 4 Units Physical Education, 2 Units

Art/Music, 1 Unit

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STATE ASSESSMENT TESTS:

Students must demonstrate competency in five areas. While the new State Assessments are being phased in, the actual requirements will vary for each entering class. Requirements are based on the year in which a student first enters Grade 9. They are summarized below. The number in parenthesis is the minimum passing score. Please note that there are safety net alternatives for students with a handicapping condition.

>>(A) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/97 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55): the Global Studies RCT (65), or Global Studies Regents (65), the American History RCT (65); or the American History Regents (65); the Sequential Math 1 Regents (55) or the Math A Regents (55); and the Science RCT (65) or a Science Regents (65).
>>(B) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/98 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55); the Global Studies Regents (55); the American History Regents (55); the Sequential Math 1 Regents (55); or the Math A Regents (55); and the Science RCT (65) or a Science Regents (65).

>>(C) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/99 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55); the Global Studies Regents (55); the American History Regents (55); the Math A Regents (55); and one Science Regents (55).

>>(D) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/2000 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (65); the Global Studies Regents (65); the American History Regents (65); the Math A Regents (55); and one Science Regents (55).

REGENTS DIPLOMA INFORMATION:

Candidates for a Regents Diploma must pass the Regents exams in their Sequence(s) (if offered), the Comprehensive English Regents, Global Studies Regent, United States History and Government Regents, a comprehensive Language other than English Regents and at least two Regents exams in both Science and Math. A Language other than English may not be used as a three credit Regents sequence. By adding a fourth year of the same language, however, one of the three credit sequences in plan A or B is satisfied. Students who complete a five unit sequence in Art or Occupational Education may take a three-credit sequence in place of Language other than English. REGENTS DIPLOMA with HONORS: This extra distinction is awarded to those who have achieved an average of 90 or better on certain Regents Exams. They are Comprehensive English; Global Studies; United States History, and the Regents exams used to complete the sequence requirement.

Name: 5. New York State Education website

WWW Link: http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/

Name: Report Card on Our Schools

WWW Link:

http://www.recordonline.com/news/2002reportcard/index_main.htm

Private Schools

There are a number of private schools in the immediate area that offer education programs for a fee (tuition). In addition to choosing to attend the public schools in the area, some parents and students choose a private education. There is also an active home schooling project at West Point. See the listings below for some of the nearby private schools.

John S. Burke Catholic High School Fletcher St. Goshen, NY 845-294-5481

New York Military Academy Academy Ave Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 845-534-3710

Leptondale Christian Academy 419 Plank Rd Newburgh, NY 845-564-2860 St Joseph's School 148 Windsor Highway New Windsor, NY 845-565-5110

Storm King School 314 Mountain Rd Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 845-534-7892

Thevenet Montessori School Route 208 Highland Mills, NY 845-928-6981

the children's place (nursery school & kindergarten) 800 Jackson Ave New Windsor, NY 845-567-0102

Name: Archdiocese of New York

Comments:

The office that governs the Catholic schools in the

Name: Home Schooling Project
Address: West Point School
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 845-938-3827
FAX: 845-938-3827
DSN Phone: 688-3827
DSN FAX: 688-3827

Comments:

Proximity to site: on site

Please contact the West Point School office for the current Point of Contact, POC, for this program.

Name: Sacred Heart of Jesus School

Address: Cozzens Avenue
City: Highland Falls, NY 10928

Phone: 845-446-2674
Proximity to site: 1 mile

Comments:

There are three categories of tuition based on parish affiliation and number of children. Grades served are preschool-8 with extended day care available for K-6 (0730-1700). Religious affiliation is Roman Catholic. While most students are Roman Catholic, all denominations are accepted. Test scores are not required and applications are accepted anytime. Sacred Heart is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Sacred Heart was the only school in NY State (1999) to achieve 100% Passing on Fourth Grade Language Arts and Math

Among Sacred Heart's many programs offered are extended day program with drop off before school and pick up after school, art, music, band, chorus, gym, computers, DARE, library, hot lunch, etc.

Colleges and Universities

For more information on this subject: State University of New York, SUNY http://www.suny.edu/

In addition to the United States Military Academy at West Point, there are many institutions of higher learning in the surrounding area. The following is a list of some that are close to both West Point. See also the next subject area, ADULT OR CONTINUING EDUCATION that follows COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY listings.

BARD COLLEGE:

845-758-6822; Annandale-on-Hudson; 60 miles B.O.C.E.S.: 845-292-5431; Goshen; 35 miles CULINARY INSTITUTE of AMERICA: 845-451-1068; Hyde Park; 60 miles

MARIST COLLEGE:

845-575-3000; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE: 845-561-0800; Newburgh; 16 miles DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 845-431-8000; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

845-343-1121: Middletown: 40 miles

PACE UNIVERSITY:

914-773-3424; Pleasantville; 25 miles

ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

845-574-4000; Suffern; 20 miles ST.THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE:

845-359-9500; Sparkill; 50 miles

SUNY. New Paltz:

845-257-2121; New Paltz; 50 miles

SUNY, Purchase:

914-251-6300; Harrison; 57 miles

VASSAR COLLEGE:

845-437-7300; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles

Adult or Continuing Education

For more information on this subject: BOCES of Orange & Ulster Counties http://www.ouboces.org/aetopindex/aetopindex.html

Refer back to the overview of this category, EDUCATION, for information on the Army Education Center. In addition to the listings in the above subject area, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, there are also opportunities locally for continuing your education. See the listings below for some other places to further your education.

Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.) Gibson Road Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-2259

Proximity To Site: 35 miles

Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri; Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is a pre-site for General Educational Development (GED). Anyone interested in obtaining a GED must first take a placement test. Call for an appointment or more information.

General Educational Development, GED Gibson Road Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-2259

Proximity To Site: 35 miles

Adult Evening Classes, the majority, are \$185. The General Educational Development (GED) exam for Orange County is given at Middletown High School and Newburgh Free Academy. If you are prepared to take the test, you can call to schedule.

Name: Orange County Community College WWW Link: http://www.sunyorange.edu/

Name: Rockland County Community College
WWW Link: http://www.sunyrockland.edu/

Special Education

The Exceptional Family Member Program Manager at West Point should be your first contact if you have a child that has a need for special education. The EFMP manager can provide information and referral whether you live on post or off.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM, EFMP 622 Swift Road 845-936-4621/2519 email yj9279@usma.edu DSN 688-4621/2519

Fax: 845-938-3019, DSN 688-3019

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a Department of the Army Program assisting eligible family members of active duty soldiers, DA civilians, Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserves. It is designed to identify any special educational and/or medical needs and to facilitate consideration of these needs in the personnel assignment process. Enrollment of eligible families is mandatory. An Exceptional Family Member is any family member, regardless of age, who has a disability which limits that individual's ability to function on a daily basis and requires ongoing counseling, training, education, therapy or treatment. Some examples could be: asthma, cancer, epilepsy, learning disabilities, and limitations in hearing, vision, speech or mobility. The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a comprehensive program of medical, educational and social services providing information, referral, counseling, and enrollment assistance to support Army families and family members who have special medical and/or educational needs. Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory and helps ensure that future assignments can accommodate the needs of family members. If you would like more information about this program and the enrollment procedures, contact the EFMP manager. EFMP operates on an appointment basis.

If your child has school records, evaluations or any other related materials to aid in the relocation to a new school or the first school experience, be sure to have copies made of all and hand carry these important documents to the new school. Contact your local EFMP, school, and doctors to schedule a final evaluation of your child's progress and needs for the new school. As soon as you arrive, set up appointments with the West Point EFMP and your new school system.

Name: NY State Ed Dept Special Education

WWW Link:

http://web.nysed.gov/vesid/sped/spedmain.html

Name: NY State VESID Handbook

WWW Link:

http://www.vesid.nysed.gov:80/do/handbook.htm

Name: NYS VESID links page

WWW Link:

http://www.vesid.nysed.gov/pocketbook/2001/links.

htm

Name: NYS VESID publications page

WWW Link:

http://web.nysed.gov/vesid/pubpage.html

Name: West Point Schools

Address: 705-A Washington Rd.

City: West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 845-938-3827 FAX: 845-938-2724 DSN Phone: 688-3827 DSN FAX: 688-2724

E-Mail: yd6679@usma.edu

Comments:

West Point Schools serves preschool through grade 8 for West Point residents.

Special education assessments are not available during the summer months.

West Point Schools are responsible for the assessment, identification, and education of children, ages 3-21 inclusive, who are classified as educationally disabled under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A. 1991). To meet this requirement, a school based team of specialists is available to review referrals, determine need for evaluation and provide special education and related services. Service delivery models include pull out programs, co-teaching, consultation, and monitoring and homebound instruction. While every effort is made to educate the children in their regular classrooms, some placements are separate from the regular classrooms. These placements are determined to be least restrictive in that a child is given an opportunity to participate in an educational program appropriate to his/her individual instruction level.

Employment

Employment Overview

For more information on this subject: Employment Readiness Program http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/Activity/ACS/Employ_ Assist_Program.htm

For job-hunting purposes, be certain to bring with you all employment papers and information such as resumes, Optional Form 612, Standard Form 171, transcripts, certificates, licenses, and Standard Form 50. Employment in the local areas surrounding West Point is somewhat limited and extremely competitive in all areas including secretarial, clerical, production, professional or technical positions through managerial and construction trades. If you are willing and able to commute more than thirty minutes, prospects improve.

Spouses are encouraged to contact Employment Readiness at Army Community Service, email yj2600@usma.edu, or call 845-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621, as soon as possible after your arrival to make an appointment with the counselor. She will assist you in establishing career goals and objectives; give you training and education direction and information; assist you in developing and refining resumes and interviewing skills; and will direct you to job leads and resources. A Transition Assistance Program is offered through this same office for military that are transitioning out of the Army. Early contact with this office will help smooth the transition. Refer to all subject areas in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, as your hunt for a job may not immediately fall into any one of these areas. It may be that you will begin by volunteering or working as a private contractor or maybe as a temporary hire with CPO or a private firm. Keep all your options open.

Addresses for information about various certification and licensing procedures (including teacher certification) can be found in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, subject area, PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.

FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, FMEAP

Employment Readiness Director ACS Center, 622 Swift Road email YJ2600@usma.edu 845-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Thurs

This program operates on an appointment basis. FMEAP has been established by the Department of the Army to assist family members with their employment, career and personal development needs. The program is intended to be a source of information to military family members who experience employment disruption caused by periodic relocation. Family Member Employment introduces family members to opportunities for employment in both the public and private sectors.

The program provides a variety of services to include:

- > Job Referrals
- > Job Search Assistance
- > DORS/PACS Registration
- > Pre-Separation Counseling
- > Resume Job Search and

other related workshop seminars

- > Career Counseling
- > Internet Access
- > Resume/Resume Assistance
- > TAP Workshops
- > Myers-Briggs Testing and SDS

Eligible population includes active duty and retired military personnel and their family members (wife, husband and children), members of the Reserve and National Guard components on active duty, or active duty for training, and their families, others as identified in AR 608-1.

When relocating, collect and hand carry the following items:

- your resume
- Optional Form 612 and/or updated SF 171
- college transcripts
- professional certification or licenses
- three professional references
- special awards or honors
- documentation relating to civil service employment (i.e., SF 50, last performance appraisal, spouse's PCS orders, etc.)

If you are a Civil Service employee, make sure you request Leave Without Pay, LWOP, before you leave your current position. Request an exit interview at your local Civilian Personnel Office, CPO, and make sure you have the appropriate paperwork necessary to register for the Priority Placement Program, PPP.

CHECK OFF LIST AND TIMELINE FOR JOB SEARCH

(Guidelines included for Civil Service, former Civil Service Employees, & Veterans)

Use this guide as a quick reference to insure a successful and smooth job transition.

The key to any successful transition is twofold: preparation and research. Spouses who prepare in advance have a decided advantage over those who just wait until they arrive at the new duty station. Following is a list of steps you can take to begin preparing.

This guide has been prepared using a 6-month timeline. Spouses often have to move with only three months notice of the new duty station, so you will need to make the necessary adjustments.

Note: If you are a federal employee, former federal employee, or veteran, follow the additional guidelines as notated below.

- 1) If you were a Civil Service employee during your tour at West Point, have you
- ~ had an exit interview?
- ~ updated your SF 171, OF 612 or Federal Resume (Resumix)?
- ~ insured that you have your last SF 50 and your most recent appraisal?
- ~ requested LWOP?
- ~ registered into Program S (PPP)?
- ~ contacted the CPAC at your new duty location for employment information?
- ~ contacted other federal employers in the area where you are moving?
- 2) If you were ever a Civil Service employee and are considering federal employment in your future, do you have
- ~ copies of your last SF 50 and your last performance appraisal?
- ~ an updated version of your SF 171, OF 612, or Federal Resume (Resumix)?
- 3) If you were also a veteran, do you
- ~ have copies of your DD 214's?
- ~ know that you may be eligible for a 5- or 10-point preference OR the Veteran's Readjustment Act?
- 4) If you worked for the Federal Government overseas as a GS/WG employee, but did not work as a Civil Service employee at West Point, and wish to apply for a Civil Service position at your new duty station, do you have
- ~ a completed version of your SF 171, OF 612, or Federal Resume?
- ~ your last performance appraisal?
- ~ copies of your most recent SF 50?
- ~ a copy of your 1817?

- ~ PCS orders documenting your OCONUS to CONUS move?
- 5) If you are you currently a Civil Service employee at another Post, Installation or Federal Agency relocating to West Point, have you
- ~ scheduled an exit interview with your Personnel Office?
- ~ asked to be placed on LWOP status so that you can transfer into another federal job?
- ~ registered at your current location for PPP if applicable?
- ~ planned a meeting with personnel specialists at your new location to ascertain the steps needed to register in Priority Placement?
- ~ contacted ACS Employment Readiness for assistance and advice?
- ~ obtained copies of your last SF 50 and performance appraisal?
- ~ checked West Point CPAC web site to look at job announcements?
- 6). Have you also checked your employment portfolio to make sure your have
- ~ a copy of your spouses PCS orders?
- ~ proof of citizenship or legal residence?
- ~ your marriage certificate?
- ~ records containing information about your work history?
- ~ college transcripts?
- ~ work references (names, addresses, and phone numbers)?
- ~ your resume?
- ~ artwork, articles, designs, etc. pertaining to the type of job you may be applying for?
- ~ certificates or licenses required for your profession?
- ~ your drivers license?

REMEMBER! HAND CARRY THESE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITH YOU TO YOUR NEW HOME. IF THEY ARE "STUCK" SOMEWHERE WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS, THEY WILL NOT BE ANY HELP TO YOU, AND MAY DELAY YOUR JOB SEARCH.

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### GUIDE FOR MILITARY SPOUSES JOB HUNTING AT WEST POINT

## 1. EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM, ERP:

Begin your job search with a strategy in mind and begin before you arrive at West Point. The Employment Readiness Program is a local resource for employment assistance and referral. Program services include career/employment counseling and testing, resume assistance professional and personal development, automated and on-line job search services, employment referrals, workshops, seminars, and more. The ERP should be your first contact as you begin your job search. If calling is difficult, you can access the program website on the West Point home page click on "Jobs & Relocation." From there, click on "Employment Readiness Program." You will find the site not only lists vacancy announcements in the private sector, but information about NY State Certification for teachers, local school districts with phone numbers, area hospitals, and other pertinent employment related information. There are also relevant links to your job search located at the site. The program is located at Army Community Service Center, 622 Swift Road (The building between the Housing Office and the MP Station.) You can contact the program via email at yj2600@usma.edu or by phone at 845-938-4621, DSN 688-4621.

#### 2. FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT:

If you have civil service status (career or careerconditional) or you have worked overseas for the Federal Government for a period of at least twelve YOU SHOULD CONTACT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER, CPAC, TO REGISTER IN THE PRIORITY PLACEMENT PROGRAM. Even if you register at your current installation, you must do so at West Point as well. Make sure you take/have proper documentation available. Depending on your status, you may need any of the following: a completed SF 171, OF 612, or Resumix\*, a copy of your last performance appraisal, a copy of your most recent SF 50, proof of citizenship, proof of marriage, etc. You may register up to 30-days in advance of your PCS move. Employment with the federal government at West Point may be difficult to obtain if you do not currently have civil service status. If you would like to work for the federal government at West Point and have never been employed as a civil service employee, there are several methods for competing for such positions. You can contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) at 845-938-3943, DSN 688-3943. Vacancy Listings are available at 1-800-643-3039 or on the West Point homepage. Click on "Jobs & Relocation" and then Civilian Employment.

a. Currently, a civil service exam is not required for consideration in entry-level clerical appointments (jobs). One application to the general job announcement for Office Automation Clerk is sufficient to be considered for entry-level clerical employment at West Point. (This does not pertain to

other Federal Agencies. You will have to check with for those agencies their rules application/qualification process.) Your application will be ranked according to your experience and education with referrals made on that basis. If you have never worked for the federal government before and civil service is your goal, you should consider this method for attempting to enter the GS system, regardless of your education or experience. The more flexible you are with the type of employment that you will accept, the better your chances are for getting into civil service at West Point.

- b. Some Civil Service jobs are announced to the general public. If you have never worked for the federal government, the majority of positions that you can apply for will be in this category. You are eligible to apply for any job vacancy announced as such, but you must be qualified for the position (Area of consideration all sources). Most of the listings for these positions can be obtained at the CPAC or on the USMA web site. Announcements to the general public are usually either for positions in the trades or jobs of a professional nature.
- c. If you are a military spouse and have also served a minimum of 180-days of active duty military service, you may be eligible to apply for civil service positions open to the workforce through the Veteran's Readjustment Authority. Further information can be obtained at the CPAC. If you are both a spouse and a veteran (have a copy of your DD214 available to submit with your applications) or if you have a service connected disability, you may be eligible for a 5- or 10-point preference, depending upon where and when you served.
- d. Spouse Preference may be used when applying for civil service jobs even if you have never been in civil service. You must request it, and at a minimum, you must provide a copy of your spouse's PCS orders. The preference is not the same as the PPP. The CPAC can tell you more about how the preference works. It is important to remember that a spouse preference can only be used ONCE upon PCS'ing to the new duty location. It will be considered "used" if you decline or accept a position in Civil Service or NAF.

## 3. WEST POINT SCHOOLS (Pre-K through grade 8):

West Point Schools (West Point Elementary School and West Point Middle School) have a separate personnel office. If you are seeking a position with DODEA, you should contact WPS personnel at yg6523@usma.edu or call 845-938-2226, DSN 688-2226. Positions at the school are not limited to teachers. Positions are categorized as Excepted Civil Service positions. Preference in hiring is given to

military spouses. If you contact the personnel office, an application packet will be sent to you.

#### 4. NAF:

Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) is another source of employment at West Point. These are jobs that should not be overlooked particularly if you are seeking employment on the installation. The personnel office is co-located with CPAC at Building 626, phone number 845-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822/4580. Spouse preference may also be exercised for these positions as well. You must indicate your interest in using the preference, and you must submit a copy of your spouse's PCS orders.

#### 5. THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, AOG:

The AOG is a private alumni organization and another source of employment at West Point. These are not government positions, but many of the positions are similar in salary structure. Applications may be obtained on the premises. They are located in Herbert Hall on Mills Rd., phone 845-446-1634. Their web site is linked from the USMA web site. From the USMA home page click on alumni and the AOG link will appear. Jobs are announced on the website.

#### 6. THE HOTEL THAYER:

The Hotel Thayer, a private hotel, is also located on the grounds of West Point and is a good source of employment for military spouses. Positions are consistent with those in the hotel and hospitality industry. Their telephone number is 845-446-4731.

### 7. THE UNITED STATES MINT:

The U. S. Mint is also located at West Point. Many of the jobs at the Mint are wage grade, with some exceptions, and many are security or production related. The OF 612 is the usual application used for the Mint.

## 8. ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE:

If you are interested in county civil service, the Orange County personnel office is located on Main St. in Goshen, NY. The phone number is 845-294-5151. There is also a link to the personnel center from the USMA web site. The county hires for a wide range of positions and offers competitive wages and benefits. County civil service should not be confused with federal civil service; they are two different civil service systems.

## 9. TEMP AGENCIES:

Employment and Temp Agencies may be another source of viable employment. The following are two local agencies:

Norman 845-565-9111

Carol Temporaries 845-565-5700

These agencies recruit for administrative, clerical, light industrial, and technical positions.

Manpower Technical 845-898-1354

Manpower hires computer and technical professionals for temporary and some permanent positions.

#### 10. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

If you were working before your PCS move, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. You should call the local New York State Dept. of Labor at 845-568-5373. They will determine your eligibility. They are also a resource for helping you to find employment. They have several job banks containing listings of position vacancies in private industry in the local area.

\* The Northeast Regional Civilian Personnel Office (CPOC) for the Dept. of the Army requires a Resumix Resume as application for most Civil Service Positions. If you are not a DA employee currently working in the Northeast Region, you are considered an external candidate for Resumix purposes and must obtain the external candidate packet from the CPOC or CPAC (also available online). Spouses applying under the PPP may use the SF171, OF 612 or Federal Resume to register for PPP.

## A FINAL NOTE TO MILITARY SPOUSES:

The job market has changed. Unemployment in this region of New York State is low, averaging around 4%. Employers are generally seeking people with technical skills or customer service related skills with most seeking employees that are computer literate for light industrial jobs as well as administrative positions. Federal employment is available, but as in the private sector, competition is strong. You should plan for a period of unemployment to allow yourself some leeway in finding employment that interests you. The more flexible you are about geographic location for employment, the greater your chances are for finding a suitable position. Many local area residents commute to Manhattan, Northern New Jersey or other areas where there is a greater abundance of corporate and professional positions. Reliable public transportation is available for those who are willing to commute to Manhattan. If you begin your job search prior to arriving at West Point, you will have a better chance of quicker employment once you arrive and give you a better perspective on the types of positions available, salaries, etc. It also serves to provide a realistic picture of the current job market.

Feel free to contact the Employment Readiness Program (email yj2600@usma.edu or phone 845-938-4621, DSN 688-4621) with any questions. The ERP does make direct job referrals, so forwarding your resume and establishing contact with the program may be very helpful to you in your job search.

Name: 1. Employment Readiness, Employment Opportunities

#### WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/Activity/ACS/Employ Opp.htm

Name: 2. NY State Dept of Labor, Labor Market Information

#### WWW Link:

http://www.labor.state.ny.us/labor\_market/labor\_market info.html

Name: 3. CPAC at West Point

WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/cpac

Name: 4. USA Jobs, Federal Database Website
WWW Link: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/

Name: 5. DA Family Member Placement Program Manual

## WWW Link:

http://cpol.army.mil/library/manuals/ppp\_ops/chap1 3 html

**Name:** 6. DoD Military Spouse Preference Program Manual

#### WWW Link:

 $http://cpol.army.mil/library/manuals/ppp\_ops/chap1\\4.html$ 

### Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

For more information on this subject: Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC http://www.usma.edu/cpac

West Point is the largest single employer in Orange County. Although some commute to New York City or to northern New Jersey, the principal other area of employment for people located at West Point is the Hudson Valley between Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. Other Federal agencies that offer employment in the area include the Social Security Administration, the Department of Agriculture, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York Air National Guard. These agencies are not listed

individually due to limited employment opportunities, but they may be contacted directly.

APPROPRIATED FUND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC 626 Swift Road

845-938-3039, DSN 688-3039 Fax: 845-938-2363, DSN 688-2363

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

You can call CPAC TOLL FREE at 1-800-643-3039. Any spouse already in Civil Service or having at least 12 months work overseas should report to the Civilian Personnel office upon their arrival to discuss their priority placement option. See web link below for military spouse preference.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYMENT, NAF Employment Resource Center 626 Swift Road

845-938-4580, DSN 688-4580 Fax: 845-938-2363, DSN 688-2363

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

There are a number of activities at West Point that are not supported by appropriated funds. The positions are in the Hotel Thayer, Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA), and Directorate of Community and Family Activities (DCFA). There are limited numbers of managerial, technical, and professional positions, and many clerical, sales clerk, waiter/waitress, and education aide positions. Non-Appropriated Fund Bulletin Board in the Civilian Personnel Office Employment Resource Center. Persons interested in these positions should complete an Application for Non-Appropriated Fund Employment (Department of the Army Form 3433), available at the CPO Employment Resource Center.

## SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE VETERANS READJUSTMENT

Civilian Personnel Office, CPO 626 Swift Road

845-938-3039, DSN 688-3039 Fax: 845-938-2363, DSN 688-2363

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

This office can be reached TOLL FREE at 1-800-643-3039. Any spouse already in Civil Service or having at least 12 months work overseas should report to the Civilian Personnel Office upon their arrival to discuss their priority placement option.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT VETERANS HOSPITAL FDR VA Hospital, PO Box 100 Montrose, NY 10548 845-737-4400, ext. 2489

Fax: 845-734-7002 Proximity to Site: 12 miles

UNITED STATES MINT PO Box 37, West Point, NY 10996 845-938-5202, DSN 688-5202

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Personnel Services VA Medical Center Castle Point, NY 12511 845-831-2000, extension 5405 Proximity to Site: 20 miles

Name: Military Spouse Preference Program

WWW Link:

http://www.cpol.army.mil/permiss/6314.html

Name: Office of Personnel Management WWW Link: http://www.opm.gov/

## **Permanent Employment Resources**

- Refer to all subject areas in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, as your hunt for a job may not immediately fall into any one of these areas. Keep all your options open.
- Contact the Employment Readiness at 845-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621/2519 and the West Point Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC, at 845-938-3039, DSN 688-3039 or 1-800-643-3039. For details of the Family Member Employment Assistance Program, FMEAP, refer back to the EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, earlier in this category, EMPLOYMENT.
- Information about various certification and licensing procedures (including teacher certification) can be found in the subject area PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING in this category.

CAREER CENTER, NY STATE JOB SERVICE Veterans' Representative Lakeside Plaza Newburgh, NY 12550 845-563-7000

Fax: 845-562-4184 Proximity to Site: 18 miles

Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri; Information pertaining to employment opportunities is maintained by the above office. A file is maintained according to job interest

and applicants are contacted for referrals. Applications are accepted daily, 0830-1700.

WEST POINT SCHOOL

Personnel Office 705-A Washington Rd. email YG6523@usma.edu 845-938-2226, DSN 688-2226

Fax: 845-938-2724, DSN 688-2724

The on-post school system provides education for preschool through eighth grade pupils. Teaching and administrative personnel who are regularly employed and substitute teachers must possess a certification from one of the 50 states or the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS). Applications for professional positions must include college transcripts, and a placement folder or resume. Nonprofessional positions require a Standard Form 171. Materials for employment consideration should be mailed or delivered to the school.

### POST EXCHANGE, AAFES (PX)

Personnel Office 845-446-5446

Fax: 845-446-3641

Applications for employment are accepted Mon-Fri, 0800-1600. Positions include retail, clerical and food service positions necessary for the operation of the PX and the Shoppette. Reinstatement referrals may be made through your local PX prior to arrival at your new post.

#### **Temporary Employment Resources**

In addition to the listings that follow for private, local temporary services, be sure to visit the Employment Resource Center, 626 Swift Road, on the installation for information for both Civilian (CPO) appropriated government positions (permanent and temporary) and non-appropriated funds (NAF) positions. Both are available in one central location on the first floor of Bldg 626.

#### TEMPORARIES:

NORMAN TEMPORARIES 845-565-9111 CAROL TEMPORARIES 845-565-5700 MANPOWER TECHNICAL 845-898-1354

## **Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities**

For more information on this subject: Installation Volunteer Coordinator http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/ivc/ivc.htm

West Point is a great place to become part of an increasingly dynamic volunteer corps. Volunteers

give of their time to improve the quality of life. There is a certain reward in being part of an effort that makes a difference. In contemporary society the problems are complex, the solutions more involved, and the satisfactions more obscure. It is these very challenges that spark the interest and involvement of volunteers. Contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 845-938-3655, DSN 688-3655, or come by the Volunteer Resource Center, 2104 Pershing Center (next to the Visitors Center), to find out how you can become a part of the West Point volunteer corps.

## INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, IVC

2104 Pershing Center

845-938-3655, DSN 688-3655

Fax: 845-938-7712, DSN 688-7712

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; The United States Military Academy volunteer force is a strong one with over 3,000 dedicated individuals that volunteer and support West Point. Volunteer hours are tracked and documented. Many opportunities are available. The IVC recruits, registers, refers and recognizes volunteers. The IVC provides training for volunteers and volunteer agencies. The IVC also represents volunteers' interests to the Command and volunteer agencies. The IVC is West Point's point of contact for the Army Family Action Plan, AFAP, and Army Family Team Building, AFTB.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS

622 Swift Road email ya6307@usma.edu 845-938-4100, DSN 688-4100

Fax: 845-446-5503, DSN 688-4365

Hours: 1030-1530 Mon-Thurs; Closed Fri;

Chairman of Volunteers: 845-938-4365, DSN 688-

4365

Red Cross volunteer opportunities in various locations in the community to include: Casework Services, Blood Drives, Hospital/Clinics, and Disaster Services. Positions open to those who have gone through Red Cross Orientation.

#### **Chambers of Commerce**

The surrounding area, to include Orange County on the west side of the Hudson River and Dutchess County on the east, has active chambers of commerce. You can contact each directly for information concerning their businesses and industries and begin your search for networking opportunities with others in your field.

#### EASTERN ORANGE COUNTY

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

47 Grand Street Newburgh, NY 12550 845-562-5100

Fax: 845-565-6575

Proximity to Site: 15 miles Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri

## GREATER SOUTHERN DUTCHESS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

300 Westage Bus. Ctr., Ste 100 Fishkill, NY 12524 845-897-2067

Fax: 845-897-3593

Proximity to Site: 30 minutes Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri

### ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

40 Matthews Street Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-8080 or 562-5100

FAX: 845-294-6121 or 294-6121

Email info@orangeny.org Proximity to Site: 30 miles Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri

## POUGHKEEPSIE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 110 Main Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-454-1700

Fax: 845-454-1702

Proximity to Site: 45 minutes Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri

## **Private Sector Employment**

Employment in the local areas surrounding West Point is somewhat limited and extremely competitive. If you are willing and able to commute more than thirty minutes, prospects improve. Spouses are encouraged to contact Employment Readiness at Community Service Center. yj2600@usma.edu, 845-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621, as soon as possible after your arrival to make an appointment. Employment Readiness will assist you in establishing career goals and objectives, give you training and education direction and information, assist you in developing and refining resumes and interviewing skills and will direct you to job leads and resources. For details of the valuable Family Member Employment Assistance Program, FMEAP, refer back to the EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, earlier in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

Name: PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

LISTINGS

WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/Activity/ACS/Employ

Opp.htm

## **Government Employment**

For more information on this subject: CPAC and National Office of Personnel Management http://www.usma.edu/cpo/

West Point is the largest single employer in Orange County. Although some commute to New York City or to northern New Jersey, the principal area of employment beyond West Point is the Hudson Valley between Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. Check out the West Point CPAC website at the weblink above for current information and also check the Office of Personnel Management link for national listings. For more information, please see EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW. **FEDERAL** CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, and TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES in this category of EMPLOYMENT.

## CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER, CPAC

Employment Resource Center 626 Swift Road 845-938-3039, DSN 688-3039

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Call Toll Free at 1-800-643-3039. For further details refer back to the subject area, FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

#### NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS, NAF

Employment Resource Center 626 Swift Road 845-938-4580, DSN 688-4580

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; For further details refer back to the subject area, FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

### POST EXCHANGE or AAFES

845-446-5446 Fax: 845-446-3641 Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Applications for employment are accepted Mon-Fri, 0800-1600. Opportunities exist in retail, clerical and food service positions necessary for the operation of the PX and shoppette. Reinstatement referrals may be

made through your local PX prior to arrival at your new post.

## **Professional or Occupational Licensing**

For more information on this subject: Office of the Professions, NY State Education Dept http://www.op.nysed.gov/home.html

Department of State Licensing Services 84 Holland Ave. Albany, NY 12208-3490 518-474-4429

The Department of State Licensing handles licensing for numerous certifications, professions, and occupations; call for a complete listing. Call for requirement and procedures specific to your profession or occupation. Be prepared when you call to provide other state's license numbers that you have, certificate numbers, education or training completed and an address for further correspondence with the Department of State Licensing office.

NY State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Cultural Education Center Albany, NY 12230 518-474-3817

This office handles licensing for numerous occupations (Nurse - Practical and Registered, Social Work, Teacher Certification, etc.); call for a complete listing. See web link above also.

CHILD CARE in QUARTERS FAMILY CHILD CARE, FCC 681 Hardee Place West Point, NY 10996 email yk4997@usma.edu 845-938-3921, DSN 688-3921

Fax: 845-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

Certification is required for anyone who is caring for unrelated children (paid or unpaid) for 10 or more childcare hours per week on a regular basis while living in government quarters. Training classes are offered quarterly. Call 938-3921 for information on date and time of the next training classes.

CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC 30 Mathews St # 104 Goshen, NY 10924 845-342-6109

#### Services:

\* Child care referral service

- \* Recruitment and required training of family day care providers
- \* Training workshops and programs for child care staff
- \* Community education meetings about choosing child care, and child care issues
- \* Information and assistance to groups starting day care services
- \* Collaboration between early intervention and child care providers

HOME BUSINESS in QUARTERS Private Organizations/Solicitations 681 Hardee Place email ye2653@usma.edu 845-938-6746, DSN 688-6746

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; A home business may be just what you are looking for since it can provide flexibility, independence and portability. Examples of home businesses are: Child Care, Beautician, Bookkeeping, Cake Decorating, Hobby/crafts, Manicures, and selling products such as Avon, Tupperware, Longaberger baskets, etc.

# \*\*\* TO GET APPROVAL FOR ANY BUSINESS IN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS THE LEGAL PROCEDURES INCLUDE:

Submit a request to the Office of the Garrison Commander for commercial solicitation. The request must include:

- a. A copy of your CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY from the NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE -- SALES TAX.
- b. A statement attesting to the fact you have read and understand AR 210-7, Commercial Solicitation on Army Installations and USMA Supplement 1 to AR 210-7.

Keep the following information in mind:

- a. Distribution of flyers by placing them on vehicle windshields, in mailboxes or between doors is prohibited.
- b. Noncompliance could lead to expulsion from government housing.

### **Networking Opportunities**

The military spouse who is seeking to develop a personal career must tackle the problems imposed by frequent moves. Networking, before you move as well as after you arrive, can sometimes be the key to a successful job search.

SOME "TIPS" INCLUDE:

- Check to see if your present employer has a facility in the local area. A transfer may be possible.
- Talk about your move to friends, relatives or coworkers. They may have some ideas that can help.
- Subscribe to local area newspapers.
- Contact local Chamber of Commerce for business listings (see subject area, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE in this category, EMPLOYMENT).
- Contact local chapters of professional organizations.

## **Medical And Dental**

#### **Medical and Dental Overview**

For more information on this subject: Keller Army Community Hospital http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/wp/

Medical care services are offered on a priority basis. First priority of care is to active duty military. Second priority is to family members of active duty, with retired military and family members of retired military following in the eligible chain. Dental care services are available to active duty military only. Only emergency dental care is offered to other eligible individuals. When services are unavailable, those eligible for medical care are referred to TRICARE. Participation in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) for active duty family members is encouraged. The Dental Clinic is located in Central Area, 606 Thayer Rd. See subject areas, DENTAL SERVICES / DIRECTORY-ON INSTALLATION and FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN that can be found in this category, MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

Keller Army Community Hospital, KACH, is a fully accredited, 65 inpatient bed facility. KACH contains medical, surgical, intensive care and obstetrics units. The Acute Care Clinic and the EMERGENCY ROOM can be reached at 845-938-40044005, 845-446-5400, or DSN 688-4004/4005 on a 24 houraday basis. The hospital is located at 900 Washington Road on the left after entering Washington Gate.

KACH, HOSPITAL INFORMATION DESK 845-938-5169; DSN 688-5169

For an appointment, call TRICARE at 1-888-999-5195. This is the central appointments number for Keller. (Note: This does not ring at Keller but through the TRICARE appointment system in Maryland.)

#### \*\*\*\* DEERS UPDATE \*\*\*\*

To expedite your inprocessing with MEDDAC and TRICARE, contact your local DEERS office (as you outprocess) and change your address to West Point. You can utilize the address printed on your orders as your new address until you obtain local housing in New York.

When you move to a different region, you will have up to 30 DAYS at the new site to enroll. Your old region will cover you for care until you enroll at the new region. Enrolled members will start a new 12-month enrollment period.

You can get an ENROLLMENT DECISION KIT:

- 1. At any Keller Army Community Hospital clinic
- 2. At the TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls
- 3. By calling Sierra Military Health Services at 1-888-999-5195.

A valid ID card must be presented to receive any care except emergency care. Family members must be enrolled in DEERS and present a valid ID card.

A Primary Care Department implements the team concept of specialty health care services. There are two physician teams, the Primary Care East and the Primary Care West, comprised of doctors from each of the three former clinics (family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics). Dermatology, respiratory therapy, adolescent pediatrics, and the Exceptional Family Member Program are available to both teams.

The nearest tertiary center is Westchester County Medical Center, located about 35 miles from West Point, approximately a 45-minute drive. Nearest major Army medical treatment facility is Walter Reed Army Medical Center, located 290 miles from West Point, approximately a 5-hour drive.

Name: TRICARE Provider Region 1

**WWW Link:** http://www.sierramilitarv.com

## **Medical Services/Directory - on Installation**

For more information on this subject: KACH Phone Book http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/

If you have any questions about medical services at West Point, call the Health Benefits Advisor at 845-938-4838 or DSN 688-4838.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, EDIS, (formerly known as Early Intervention Program) for exceptional family members can be reached at 845-938-6881, DSN 688-6881. Soldiers are responsible for keeping the medical and/or special education needs documentation current. A review is required as EFM condition changes or at least every 3 years, whichever comes first.

EMERGENCY ROOM & AMBULANCE 938-4004/4005

INFORMATION DESK 938-5169

PHARMACY 938-2271

ADVICE NURSE 800-308-3518

Individual Clinics: EARS, NOSE & THROAT- 845-938-2689 IMMUNIZATIONS- 845-938-8476 OB/GYN- 845-938-4741 ORTHOPEDICS/PODIATRY- 845-938-4733 PHYSICAL THERAPY- 845-938-3324

## Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR Keller Army Community Hospital (First Floor) 845-938-4838, DSN 688-4838 Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

West Point is in TRICARE Northeast, or TRICARE Region 1. Our Managed Care Support Contractor is Sierra Military Health Systems, Inc., with headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. The network that Sierra establishes expands the resources available to our military healthcare providers and our beneficiaries.

If you face a MEDICAL EMERGENCY - one that threatens life, limb or eyesight - please go to the nearest emergency room. Then, call your PCM after you've received treatment.

Remember that to receive treatment you must be enrolled in DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) and have a valid ID card. To enroll in DEERS, you must go to 622 Swift Road to the Office of the Adjutant General, AG; phone 845-

938-3764 or DSN 688-3746; 0745-1130 and 1300-1600 Mon-Fri. To obtain family member identification (ID) cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) registration, the sponsor must accompany family members. Birth and marriage certificates with raised seal will be needed.

Community Health Nursing Service Bldg 606 - 3M 845-938-2676, DSN 688-2676

Community Health Nursing Service has as their goal prevention through education, especially through Health Risk Appraisals, TB Surveillance, Antepartum counseling for single soldiers and high-risk mothers, Communicable Disease Control, and community classes upon request.

Name: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.

WWW Link: http://www.sierramilitary.com

## **Community Hospitals**

Cornwall Hospital is the closest community hospital to West Point. Remember to check with your Primary Care Manager, PCM, before receiving treatment or services at a hospital other than the military hospital. If you incur costs for such treatment or services at any hospital (except in an emergency where your life, limb or eyesight is in danger) without being referred, you will be responsible for paying all fees and costs involved. After you have received true emergency treatment, you must go to your PCM. Under TRICARE Prime, you must go to your PCM first for all routine and acute healthcare needs. Your PCM will evaluate your condition and either treat your problem, consult with a specialist, or refer you to a specialist for care.

ARDEN HILL HOSPITAL Professional Recruiter Harriman Drive Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-5441, ext. 4274 Proximity To Site: Approximately 30 miles

CORNWALL HOSPITAL
Admissions Office
Laurel Avenue
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520
845-534-7711, ext. 4300
Proximity To Site: Approximately 10 miles

ST LUKES HOSPITAL Business Office 70 DuBois Street Newburgh, NY 12550 845-561-4400

Proximity To Site: Approximately 15 miles

WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER Admissions Office Route 100 Valhalla, NY 10595 914-285-7000

Proximity To Site: Approximately 35 miles south Westchester is the only tertiary center in the Orange, Rockland, Putnam and Westchester Counties. This facility provides most pediatric specialties (neonatology, etc.). Other specialized care is also available (heart, lung, kidney, and psychiatric).

## **Dental Services/Directory - on Installation**

Dental care is only for active duty personnel. Only emergency care on a space available basis for relief of pain is authorized for family members. For a dental emergency during duty hours, call 845-938-2505 and after duty hours call the hospital's Acute Care Clinic at 845-938-4004/4005. See subject area FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN that can be found in this category, MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

ORAL SURGERY CLINIC 845-938-4290 DSN 688-4290

SAUNDERS DENTAL CLINIC 606 Thayer Road Central Area Appointments call: 845-938-2505 DSN 688-2505 Sick call hours of 0730-0830 and 1230-1330 Mon -- Fri

#### **Family Member Dental Plan**

The only space-available care for other than active duty personnel at West Point Dental Activity is emergency care for the relief of pain. Participation in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) is encouraged. Enrolling in the TDP is voluntary.

The TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty Uniformed Service members. The TDP has cost shares, benefit maximums and coverage limitations similar to typical group dental insurance plans.

Effective 1 February 2001, United Concordia Companies Incorporated will take over administration of the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Customers who are currently enrolled in the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan Program will be automatically converted to the new TDP Program. Sponsors are encouraged to review their end of month leave and earnings statements to ensure dental premium payments correctly reflect type of dental coverage they require.

Sponsors are also encouraged to review family members identification (ID) cards regarding expiration dates. The family members' dental benefits are based upon their ID card eligibility and enrollment within the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). TDP inquiries concerning application for enrollment, change of election coverage, dental premium payroll allotment authorization, and claim inquires will be through the dental contractor.

Detailed information on the TDP can be reviewed at the following web link listed for United Concordia or by calling 1-800-866-8499 for customer service questions and 1-888-622-2256 for enrollment and billing questions. Enrollment should be through the new TRICARE Dental Program has an effective coverage date of 1 February 2001. There is only a twelve-month commitment under the new dental program.

Also, visit the hospital's TRICARE Health Benefits Advisor.

HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR Keller Army Community Hospital (First Floor) 845-938-4838, DSN 688-4838

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Name: Customer Service

POC: United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI)

WWW Link: http://www.ucci.com

#### **Comments:**

PHONE NUMBERS: CONUS 1-800-866-8499 for customer service questions and 1-888-622-2256 for enrollment and billing questions; M-F 24-hrs COMMENTS: For more information about the TDP, contact your Health Benefits Advisor or in overseas locations, your servicing overseas dental treatment facility or Overseas Lead Agent point of contact. Customer Service can also help sponsors, family members, installation staff and dental providers with specifics about the TDP.

## Housing

## **Housing Overview**

For more information on this subject: Housing and Public Works at West Point http://www.usma.edu/dhpw/

All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. Personnel will be counseled by a housing representative by appointment. Service members with accompanying dependents are required to occupy family quarters on post. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters.

Due to continuing renovation projects, the Housing Office anticipates a shortage of housing for the next 4 to 5 years. Please keep in mind the wait for housing could be long depending on the number of those on the waiting list and the shortage of available housing.

Plan to stay longer in temporary accommodations if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (845-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845). For the current West Point housing information go to the PCS House Express website given below.

#### STATEMENT OF NON-AVAILABILITY, SNA:

If you would like to request to reside off-post please submit your exception to policy through your Chain of Command, to the Chief, Housing Division. Any inbound or on-post personnel approved to move offpost will be given a SNA for the length of their tour.

USMA has a wide variety of areas and styles of both bachelor and family quarters. Family units range from one to six bedrooms, from apartment buildings to single-family units. While waiting for housing, families should plan to stay in temporary accommodations such as the West Point Lodging Facility (1-800-GO ARMY1 or 845-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816) that is limited to a 30-day stay, a motel or seek a temporary rental without a lease.

Soldiers in the grade of SFC and above and officers who collect BAH at the without dependent rate may live off-post. Others can request in writing to live offpost. However, if you are identified as key and essential personnel, you are required to occupy government quarters. Bachelor units range from one to three bedroom apartments. Bachelor quarters for bonifide bachelors are normally available within thirty to ninety days.

USMA conducts a HOUSING DRAW each summer. The draw is conducted in early June for all officers being assigned during the summer months, 1 May through 31 August. Selection of quarters is made by order of rank and bedroom requirement. Either you or your representative must be present to participate in the selection of your quarters at the draw. Senior officers, visiting professors, and those with a large bedroom requirement are preassigned quarters and do not have to go through the housing draw. The sponsor to each incoming officer will be informed in a timely fashion as to the incoming officer's number for the draw (based on date of rank) and the availability of quarters (i.e., quarters number, availability date, number of bedrooms, grade of quarters) and the dates of the draw.

Work closely with your sponsor as the sponsor is your line of communication for a successful housing draw experience. Keep your sponsor advised as to your address to allow for sufficient time for mailing of these lists to the incoming personnel; especially leave movements and moving dates prior to the draw as the lists of available quarters and the numbers for the draw are not compiled and released until usually sometime in April.

## WHERE TO STAY LOCAL HOTELS AND MOTELS

\*\*\*\*\* LODGING \*\*\*\*\*

## WEST POINT ARMY LODGING FACILITY:

The West Point Army Lodging Facility can be contacted at 1-800-GO ARMY1 or 845-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816 or 845-446-1028/1034. The West Point Army Lodging Facility Office is located in Bldg 2113 behind the Visitors Center. Reservations can be made up to 60 days before your arrival. Stays at the West Point Lodging Facility are LIMITED TO A 30-DAY PERIOD; requests for an extension to this 30-day limit are made through the manager of the West Point Lodging Facility.

## \*\*\* West Point Army Lodging Facility \*\*\* \*\*\* DOES NOT ALLOW PETS. \*\*\*

Accommodations range from efficiency apartments to single suites to family suites. Reimbursement from finance for PCS travel is accomplished on an actual

cost not to exceed per diem basis during the period when PCS Temporary Living Entitlement (TLE) is authorized. (The TLE for West Point includes the actual cost of the lodging.) After the initial 10-day period of TLE, the West Point Lodging Facility:

SINGLE room rate ranges from \$52 to \$67. DOUBLE room ranges from \$57 to \$72; plus \$5 for additional occupants; children age 2 and under are free.

After the initial 10-day period of TLE, the service member must pay the West Point Army Lodging Facility bill from his/her own pay and allowances that will include BAH for this area and the Dislocation Allowance, DLA. FOR THE REASONS OF HIGH COST AND POSSIBLE LONG WAITS FOR QUARTERS (ONE MONTH OR AS LONG AS NINE MONTHS), IT IS ADVISED THAT THE **MEMBER** ARRIVE SERVICE WITHOUT **DEPENDENTS** UNTIL Α REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE HOUSING SITUATION IS MADE.

The West Point Army Lodging Facility amenities include TV/VCR, toaster, coffee pot, iron, ironing board, full-size refrigerator, cooking/eating utensils and microwave. It is a good idea to bring along your CROCK-POT for extended stays.

For the reasons of cost and possible long waits for quarters (maybe one month or as long as nine months), it is advised that the service member arrive without dependents until a realistic assessment of the housing situation is made.

WEST POINT LODGING FACILITY 2113 PERSHING CENTER West Point, NY 1-800-GO ARMY1 845-938-6816 DSN 688-6816 FAX 845-938-446-1038

Requests for reservations will be accepted up to 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL and may be made by telephone. Pets are not allowed.

NOTE: At times of full occupancy of the West Point Lodging Facility, Five Star Inn, PCSing personnel will be given the option of lodging at the Hotel Thayer Annex at the same daily rate as the West Point Lodging Facility.

HOTEL THAYER Inside Thayer Gate West Point 845-446-4731 800-247-5047 Fax 845-446-0338 PCS RATE -- \$121.00

All rooms are also subject to NY sales taxes (7.25%).

The Hotel Thayer is located on the grounds of West Point. The Hotel Thayer has recently reopened after undergoing extensive renovations. Even though located at West Point, it is not a military guesthouse. The Hotel Thayer DOES NOT accept pets. The Hotel Thayer offers government rates in accordance with the per diem rate for this area. Patrons should check with the hotel as to room rate and availability, etc., prior to making travel plans.

- The listings below are the for the Summer of 2002.
- THE RATES PROVIDED ARE FOR MILITARY WITH PCS ORDERS.
- The prices do not include tax (7.25%). The Five Star Inn (Army Lodging Facility) does not charge tax. Whenever making reservations (even on the road traveling), let the hotel/motel know that you are on military PCS orders!

## NOTE: THE RATES PROVIDED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

The following is a list of accommodations that are within FIVE MILES of West Point WITH MILITARY PCS ORDERS:

BEAR MOUNTAIN INN: 845-786-2731; daily \$74 single/double; no pets

CHRISTIANA HOTEL: 845-446-5798; call for rates; no pets

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS: 1-800-HOLIDAY; daily \$99 Standard; \$134 suite; 1106 9W North; Fort Montgomery; no pets

PALISADES MOTEL: 845-446-9400; \$54 single, \$59 double: no pets

POINTER'S ECHO MOTEL: 845-446-2696; call for rates; no pets

U.S. ACADEMY MOTEL: 845-446-2021; 2001 rate was \$45 for one room and \$80 for two rooms; pets accepted

WEST POINT MOTEL: 845-446-4180; (kids 12 and under free); Sun-Thurs \$66.60, Fri-Sat \$91.16; no pets; \$50 plus tax for long term rate; extra person \$5

BEYOND the immediate area WITH MILITARY PCS ORDERS:

AMERICAN BUDGET INNS: 845-783-3211; Harriman; \$70.77 single, \$75.06 double, \$5 each additional person; no pets

BARDO'S FISHKILL MOTOR INN: 845-6767; Fishkill; \$60 single, \$65 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

BUDGET MOTOR INN: 845-628-6991; Mahopac; \$55 single, \$62 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

CADET MOTEL: 845-534-4595; Cornwall; \$39 single/double, weekly rates too; \$5 each additional person; no pets

COMFORT INN: 845-623-6000; Nanuet; \$84 single, \$88 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

COMFORT INN: 845-567-0567; Newburgh; \$75-\$80 single; \$89 double; \$6 each additional person; no pets

COUNTRYSIDE MOTEL: 845-265-2090; Cold Spring; \$64 single, \$65 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

DAYS INN: 845-564-7550; Newburgh; \$74 single and \$89 double (Summer rates plus \$5 each additional person); no pets

ECONO LODGE: 845-561-6620; New Windsor; weekdays \$56 single or double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

GREEN INN MOTEL ON THE LAKE: 845-268-6836; Congers; \$44 single, \$54 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

HAMPTON INN: 845-567-9100; Newburgh; Call for rates; no pets

HOLIDAY INN: 845-564-9020; Newburgh; \$76 single/double; \$5 each additional person; no pets HOLIDAY INN FISHKILL: 845-896-6281; \$74 single; \$86 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets HOWARD JOHNSON'S: 845-564-4000; Newburgh; \$53 single/double; \$5 each additional person; no pets JAMES MOTEL: 845-783-9651; Cold Spring; \$50 single, \$60 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets MAINSTAY SUITES: 845-897-2800; Fishkill; email 862\_fishkill@sunbursthospitality.com for rates; PETS YES with \$10 charge per night and Deposit of \$100 for 7+ nights (refundable after inspection) NANUET INN: 845-623-0600; Nanuet; call for rates;

10% military discount; PETS YES with \$10 deposit NEWBURGH COURTYARD (Marriott): 845-567-4800; Toll free Reservation: 800-321-2211; Call for rates.

PEEKSKILL MOTOR INN: 914-739-1500; Peekskill; \$95 single, \$105 double, 10% military discount; \$5 each additional person; no pets

RAMADA INN OF NEWBURGH: 845-564-4500; \$60 single, \$70 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

SUPER EIGHT MOTEL: 845-564-5700; \$76.88 single; \$81.88 double; \$5 each additional person; no pets

WELLESLEY INN: 845-896-4995; Fishkill; \$74 single; \$89 double; \$5 each additional person; PETS YES must stay in smoking room with pets

WINDSOR MOTEL: 845-562-7661; New Windsor; call for rates; double; weekly rates too; no pets

#### OTHERS:

ROUND POND RECREATION AREA

Route 293, West Point

845-938-3860, DSN 688-3860

Hours (1 Apr-Labor Day).....: 0700-1800 every day Hours (Sept-15 October).....: 0700-1700 every day

Hours (16 Oct-31 March).....: Closed

Located in a rocky, woody area just three miles from Washington Gate. Boating, hiking, swimming, fishing, volleyball and horseshoes available. A clear mountaintop lake is surrounded by beaches, playgrounds, picnic areas and campsites. Recreational vehicle hookups and dump station available. Reservations may be made 120 days in advance. This site is closed 16 October to 31 March. Round Pond is part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Call for rates.

#### LAKE FREDERICK CAMP GROUNDS

Community Recreation Division Route 293, West Point 845-938-2401/4455, DSN 688-2401/4455

Hours (1 Apr-Labor Day).....: 0700-1800 every day Hours (Sept-15 October).....: 0700-1700 every day

Hours (16 Oct-31 March).....: Closed

Recreation area located on the West Point reservation offers an opportunity for rustic experience. This area is used mainly for Scouts and USMA cadet training; however, the 18 campsites and 10 A-frame cabins are also available for family camping. Lake Frederick is part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Call for rates.

| Name: Family Housing Office                      |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Address: 626 Swift Road                          |  |  |
| City: West Point, NY 10996                       |  |  |
| <b>Phone:</b> 845-938-4500                       |  |  |
| FAX: 845-938-6196                                |  |  |
| <b>DSN Phone:</b> 688-4500                       |  |  |
| DSN FAX: 688-6196                                |  |  |
| E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu                          |  |  |
| WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/dhpw               |  |  |
| Comments:                                        |  |  |
| Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri                         |  |  |
| Housing can be reached by calling 1-800-654-8845 |  |  |
| Toll Free.                                       |  |  |

| Name: PCS House Express for West Point            |
|---------------------------------------------------|
| WWW Link:                                         |
| http://www.pcshouseexpress.com/installations/West |
| Point htm                                         |

## **Housing Allowances**

For more information on this subject:

PCS House Express for West Point http://www.pcshouseexpress.com/installations/WestPoint.htm

Your housing allowance (Basic Allowance for Housing, BAH) will depend upon your rank and whether or not you have dependents (a single parent, married without children or married with children would be with dependents). West Point is considered a high cost of living area. If you live in government quarters, you will NOT receive BAH. Only if you are living somewhere other than government quarters will you receive BAH. If you have been allowed to live off-post or if in temporary accommodations waiting to sign for quarters, you will continue to receive BAH. In other words, the housing allowance is yours only when you are NOT signed for government quarters.

In the link below "Basic Allowance for Housing" use zip of 10996 to search for your housing allowance at West Point.

## **Housing Allowances**

| Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site: |                                           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--|
| Rates and Allowances Home Page                                                                                          | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html |  |
| Basic Allowance for Housing                                                                                             | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html      |  |
| Overseas Housing Allowance                                                                                              | http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html  |  |

## **Government Housing**

For more information on this subject: West Point Housing Page http://www.usma.edu/dhpw/

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Single soldiers in the grades E-7 through E-9 and all single officers have the option to reside off-post (see Unaccompanied Personnel Housing). However, if

you are identified as KEY AND ESSENTIAL personnel, you are REQUIRED to occupy government quarters. You may request in writing for an exception to policy to live off-post that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Name: Family Housing Office

Address: 626 Swift Road

City: West Point, NY 10996

Phone: 845-938-4500

FAX: 845-938-6196 DSN Phone: 688-4500 DSN FAX: 688-6196

E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu

#### **Comments:**

Toll Free 1-800-654-8845. Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Soldiers may send a completed "Application for Assignment to Housing", Department of Defense Form 1746, along with a copy of their orders to the Housing Division, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996. Personnel will not be entered on a waiting list until they have signed in with their gaining unit. If you are assigned to West Point Staff and Faculty, the Personnel Assistance Center (PAC) will make an appointment for you once you have signed in for duty. Personnel who are not assigned to the Staff and Faculty are required to telephone the Housing Office to schedule an inprocessing appointment.

Name: Unaccompanied Personnel Housing

Address: 626 Swift Road City: West Point, NY 10996 Phone: 845-938-4500

FAX: 845-938-6196 DSN Phone: 688-4500 DSN FAX: 688-6196

E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu

#### **Comments:**

Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845. Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Bachelor units range from one to three bedroom apartments. Bachelor quarters, for bonifide bachelors only, are normally available within thirty to ninety days. West Point and the surrounding communities are considered high cost of living areas. Off-post housing is both scarce and expensive.

## **Community Housing**

For more information on this subject: PCS HouseExpress for West Point http://www.pcshouseexpress.com/installations/WestPoint.htm

Service members with accompanying dependents are REQUIRED to occupy family quarters ON POST. Due to continuing renovation projects, the Housing Office anticipates a shortage of housing for the next 4 to 5 years. An exception-to-policy is a possibility until the housing renovations and new constructions are completed. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters.

Single soldiers in the grades E-7 through E-9 and all single officers have the option to reside off-post. However, if you are identified as KEY AND ESSENTIAL personnel, you are REQUIRED to occupy government quarters. You may request in writing for an exception-to-policy to live off-post that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Off post housing is very expensive and scarce. Most landlords require a minimum of one month's rent for security in addition to the first month's rent in advance. Personnel are advised that a realtor's fee (maybe equal to one month's rent) may be required even to rent an apartment. Also, if you have pets, there can be an additional deposit of a month's rent for the pets. Families have great difficulty finding rentals that allow pets.

Home sales and rental market: The average price of a 3-bedroom house in the West Point Housing market area is somewhere between \$110,000 and \$140,000. Rental rates begin at about \$950 for a 2-bedroom house

Apartments: Rental units are costly. The majority of rental apartments are unfurnished, average costs are as follows: 1 Bedroom \$600, 2 Bedroom \$750, 3 Bedroom \$875 - \$1400.

Mobile Homes: Rental space for mobile homes is very limited. Mobile homes for rent are usually in established parks. There are no government mobile home spaces.

Name: Community Homefinding, Relocation &

Referral

Address: 626 Swift Road City: West Point, NY 10996

**Phone:** 845-938-4500 **FAX:** 845-938-6196 **DSN Phone:** 688-4500 **DSN FAX:** 688-6196

E-Mail: YN3303@usma.edu

#### **Comments:**

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845

Community Homefinding, Relocation & Referral. CHRRS, has a list of local rentals and can provide information and assistance on renting or purchasing a home in the community. You are required to inprocess with the CHRRS office BEFORE SIGNING a rental agreement or entering into an agreement to

purchase a home.

#### Utilities

If you are living in government housing (including the barracks), the only utilities that you will be responsible for are your telephone and TV cable. For those living in the barracks, information on your phone service provider will be provided as you inprocess at USMA. Verizon (890-2550 toll free) is the telephone company that provides the phone service for all those not in the barracks in this area. Time Warner Cable is the local cable TV provider.

TELEPHONE TROUBLE and REPAIRS for all family quarters, except the newly erected Stony II and Gray Ghost housing areas, are reported to 938-3911, on West Point -- NOT TO Verizon. See the West Point Guidebook/Phonebook for details.

#### LOCAL TOLL CALLING:

Phone calls outside the West Point, Highland Falls or Fort Montgomery area are all local toll calls. That means that calling outside the 446-XXXX area will result in per minute charges. Discuss your calling plan with Verizon and be CERTAIN that you thoroughly understand the local toll call charges for all calls outside the (446- housing prefix, 938- office prefix, and 515- cadet prefix) area. This is especially true for computer INTERNET USERS. Dialing in to vour Internet Service Provider is a toll call (no local 446- number for any ISP except for BestWeb and Frontier) with per minute charges on your phone bill (and hotel bill). These local toll charges can quickly add up to a couple of hundred dollars or more each month on your phone bill. This can put a strain on your budget if you are unaware of local toll for calls

outside the area. Do not be fooled with a list of access numbers for your email service (ATT, Compuserve, AOL, Prodigy, etc.) as a local number with an area code of 845 --- these numbers are NOT THE SAME as 845-446-XXXX. At this time it is reported that Earthlink also has a local (non-toll) dial up access number in Highland Falls. Relocation Readiness cannot at this time assure customers that dialing in to Earthlink at the published 845-977-4492 will or will not involve local toll charges. Call the EarthLink sales department at 800-395-8425 and check out their website listed below. Also contact Verizon to confirm that the dial up number to your ISP is a local call without per minute toll charges.

VERIZON (formerly Bell Atlantic) TELEPHONE SERVICE

phone: 890-2550 (Toll Free) Hook-up Fee: Approx. \$60

deposit: Depends upon credit history

hours: 0800-2000 Mon-Fri, 0830-1600 Saturday You may choose your own long distance service such

as MCI, AT&T, Sprint, etc

## TIME WARNER CABLE

**TELEVISION** 

156 Main St.

Highland Falls, NY 10928 phone: 1-800-431-8878

Hook-up Fee: Approx. \$65 hours: 0800-1630 Mon-Fri

There are many different packages available, please call for more specific information and to schedule your hook up.

BESTWEB, CORP.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

1-877-777-BWEB

Fax 845-271-4292

\$9.95 for the first 3 months

\$19.95 after first 3 months

DSL service is now available to most residents of the area through Bestweb. The local BestWeb access number for your dial-up networking for Highland Falls is 845-446-3573.

## **FRONTIERNET**

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

1-888-238-3500

Call for information on service. The local FrontierNet access number for your dial-up networking for Highland Falls is 845-859-2000. Check with Verizon to be sure no local toll charges apply with this access number. Special packages available; visit their website for details.

Name: BestWeb Corp

**WWW Link:** http://www.bestweb.net

Name: Earthlink

**WWW Link:** http://www.earthlink.net/

Name: Verizon (Phone)

**WWW Link:** http://www.verizon.com/

Name: Verizon Online

WWW Link: http://www.verizon.net/

## **Relocation Services**

#### **Relocation Services Overview**

For more information on this subject: Relocation Readiness Topics & Resources http://www.defenseweb.com/vacs/home.asp

RELOCATION READINESS provides information, guidance and assistance for both service members and DoD civilians as well as their families moving to or from the West Point community. Relocation Readiness is an ACS program, located at 622 Swift Road. Contact the Relocation Readiness Director by email at YM3733@usma.edu or call 845-938-2519, DSN 688-2519.

One of the first stops when you arrive at West Point should be ACS's Relocation Readiness. Relocation Readiness can provide additional information and updates that have been designed to help you upon arrival. The Loan Closet is available to all those on PCS orders to and from West Point. Relocation will answer your questions and be just a phone call or email away as you relocate to the banks of the Hudson.

### A FEW OF THE SERVICES OFFERED ARE:

- ^ SITES for West Point
- ^ West Point Welcome CDs
- ^ Loan Closet
- ^ Newcomer's Orientation
- ^ Pre and Post Move Counseling
- ^ Cultural Adaptation/ESL classes
- ^ Multi-cultural Referrals
- ^ Relocation Planning
- ^ Sponsorship Training
- ^ Overseas Orientation

The LOAN CLOSET is free-of-charge, lending basic household items to service members and families as they in or out process West Point. Whether you need a coffee pot, toaster or a full kitchen setup, a stroller, cots or fans, CHECK WITH RELOCATION before you buy what is on the way in your household goods shipment. The Loan Closet has the bare essentials, no sofas or chests of drawers -- just the bare essentials that will allow you to occupy your housing until your household goods arrive.

Relocation will be happy to check the West Point Bulletin Boards for the For Sale items and Rentals posted on the West Point internal folders/web. Whether it is an air-conditioner or a washer and dryer, let Relocation print out the current listings. This West Point SITES that you are now reading online or as a printout was compiled and is regularly updated by Relocation Readiness.

Name: PCS Guide

WWW Link:

http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/guide.htm

#### **Relocation Assistance**

Please see the Relocation Services Overview that precedes this subject for an overview of the Relocation services offered.

SITES provides current, computerized information for service members, DoD civilians, and their families when they prepare for future assignments. This includes the service member on PCS orders (married or single), family members, and retirees trying to check out the area for a possible retirement location.

In fact, you do not have to have your assignment to utilize Relocation Services. The newly married, first move with kids, on overseas assignment, a deployment, first move with a family, a job possibility at another installation, and a retirement or transition into the civilian work force are all examples of Relocation Assistance customers that can and do utilize Relocation and SITES. The Relocation staff will access the information to meet the customer's needs and provide printouts. The intent is to assist the single soldier, soldier with family members, DoD civilians, and family members in becoming educated to the relocation process and aid in their planning. SITES is cross-referenced to related subject areas to avoid unnecessary duplications.

Contact your local Relocation Office at your local ACS Center or contact West Point's Relocation Staff at email ym3733@usma.edu or call 845-938-2519,

DSN 688-2519, to request a copy of SITES for your next assignment.

## **In Transit Emergencies**

No matter how well you've planned, emergencies do happen. What should you do in case of emergency while you are traveling? If you are near a military installation of ANY service, call the post/base operator and ask to be connected with someone to help you. (The installation operator will know whom to contact in an emergency.) If you are not near an installation, ask the local information operator for the hospital or road service.

First of all, make sure you have all your IMPORTANT PAPERS WITH YOU - not packed with your household goods. Your important papers should include ID cards, shot records, and many copies of your orders. You must also have the phone numbers for your (new) Commander and Orderly Room. The phone number and address of your SPONSOR can be invaluable in case of emergency while traveling to your next duty station.

In times of emergency need, contact West Point's American Red Cross at 845-938-4100 Monday through Thursday during the hours of 10:30-3:30. After hours, weekends and holidays please call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at 1-877-272-7337. The American Red Cross is always available for emergency aid anywhere you may be. Contact the nearest Red Cross chapter (phone numbers are usually listed in the white pages of the local phone directory) or just ask the operator for the number for the Red Cross. They can sometimes help with emergency financial assistance and contacting individuals that will need to know where you are and what's happening. NOTE: PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED AND IT PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN.

**Emergency Numbers:** 

1st BN 1st Inf: (all staff and faculty) 845-938-4509/2516 duty hours 845-938-8846 SDNCO non-duty hrs MEDDAC: 845-938-4004/4005 DENTAC: 845-446-3245

BAND: 845-938-2445 SDNCO SDO 845-938-3500 non-duty hours

TELEPHONE ACCESS (Information and Operator) 845-938-4011 DSN 688-1110 Weekdays 0700-1800 Saturdays 0800-1600

## **Financial Preparedness**

#### SAVE AND PLAN FOR YOUR MOVE

While on the road between your old and new duty station, always ask about military or government rates at motels and hotels. You can save money by getting a lower military (government) rate. Not all motels and hotels offer reduced military rates, but many do.

#### ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial assistance to meet unforeseen expenses during required travel and related maintenance expenses such as car repairs, transportation, lodging and food when on PCS orders. AER assistance may also be provided for payment of initial rent and deposit, and payment of required utility deposits. Soldiers applying for AER financial assistance must use their chain of command when available. If you have a financial emergency while moving from one post to the new duty station, contact the nearest installation of any service including the Coast Guard or contact a nearby office of the American Red Cross. Any military service or the Red Cross will then contact AER. Additionally, in transit soldiers must also show orders and military ID card.

If you are a MARINE, contact the Navy Marine Relief Section at Stewart (New Windsor, NY) call DSN 636-2949 or Commercial 845-563-2949; NMCRS Office 845-567-6074 or the officer/NCO working the Duty Desk at MAG-49 Det B in Bldg 300, Stewart Airport, 845-563-2905 or DSN 636-2905, 24-hours-a-day.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK AND THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU PCS

A PCS move can be one of the most exciting and most rewarding parts of an Army career -- new places, new faces, and new challenges. However, for the Soldier or Army Family who is not prepared, a PCS move can be a very unhappy time. Most of this unhappiness is caused by money problems associated with the PCS move. Whenever you PCS, you are going to be faced with some unusual expenses. Begin to plan ahead!

#### WHERE THE MONEY MIGHT GO

\* Travel costs: airline tickets, gasoline, food and lodging, tolls, car tune-up, new tires before the trip, emergency repairs along the way.

- \* Deposits: damage and rent deposit on new apartment, utilities, telephone, and cable TV.
- \* Closing costs if buying or selling a house.
- \* Temporary lodging at the old post and at the new post.
- \* Food: restocking the refrigerator and the food pantry.
- \* Household incidentals: light bulbs, toilet paper, soaps, cleaning supplies and equipment.
- \* Curtains and rods. (Have the tools you will need?)

#### OTHER FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There may be other financial impacts of a PCS move. Here are some examples:

- \* Do you depend on the money your spouse gets from his or her job? How long will it be before he or she can get a new job? Will it pay as well? You may have to live on less money for a couple of months or longer.
- \* Higher cost-of-living. This includes not only higher housing and food costs but also things like having to drive farther to work, child care costs, school costs, etc.
- \* Lower BAH at the new post.

#### WHERE THE MONEY MIGHT COME FROM

- \* Dislocation Allowance (DLA): two and one-half times BAH II. (You will not receive this until well after you arrive at your new post don't count on it being there when you need to pay deposits on a new apartment or utilities.)
- \* Travel Pay: This is mileage related and is usually not paid until after you sign in at the new post.
- \* Income tax deduction: contact Army Legal Assistance.
- \* Garage sale before you move and maybe again after the move.
- \* Refunds on rent and damage deposits from your old home or apartment. Again, it may take a couple of months to get these.
- \* Returned deposits, plus interest: apartment, utilities, etc.
- \* Lower cost-of-living or increased BAH.
- \* Interest on advance base pay.

CAUTION: DON'T TAKE OR SPEND ADVANCE PAY UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. You will pay it back by monthly deductions from your pay. You will have less to live on every month until it is all paid back. Don't take advance pay just to buy something you just WANT, like a new stereo or car. Be even more cautious of considering casual pay.

BEFORE YOU GO PLAN AHEAD. START SAVING NOW.

- \* Start saving now. Any PCS move is going to cost money. Experts say that 3 to 6 months pay in reserve should cover emergencies.
- \* Get a sponsor at the new post. He or she will probably be able to answer a lot of the questions you are going to want to ask.
- \* Contact Army Community Service (ACS) at the new post; they've got lots of useful information. Ask if they have a Family Member Employment Assistance Program if your spouse needs a new job.
- \* Find out your new mailing address. Even if it is only your new unit or a postal Service Center, you'll need at least a temporary new address.
- \* Send out change of address letters or cards (credit card companies, loan companies, magazines, and banks, anyone that owes you money or a deposit refund, insurance companies). Go through your address book, your bills and financial papers from the past couple of months. Make out a list of company addresses, telephone, payment dates, and account numbers, etc.
- \* Leave a forwarding address with the post office and Postal Service Center, as well as with your old unit.
- \* Gather all important papers, records, ID cards, wills, etc. and keep them handy throughout the move. Don't pack them in your household goods; carry them with you.
- \* Get your children's school records or arrange for them to be sent to their new school.
- \* Get family medical records that may be held by civilian doctors. Carry medical records with you if special needs must be met enroute.
- \* Go through your household goods and get rid of all those things you no longer want or need. You'll only have to unpack them at the other end. If you are overweight, you'll have to pay for additional weight shipped. Have a garage sale!
- \* Talk to the housing office about temporary lodging after you clear your current quarters and before you actually depart for your new station.
- \* Talk to the folks at the finance center. They can figure out how much travel pay you will receive. Talk to them about dislocation and temporary allowances, etc.
- \* If you are renting an apartment or house off-post, arrange for an inspection after your household goods are removed. Get an agreement In Writing that any damage or deposit money will be refunded.

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SPONSOR

- \* What is the general cost-of-living at the new post? Will my allowances (such as BAH) go up? Down?
- \* Should I live on-post or off-post?
- \* What about temporary lodging on the post when you arrive?

- \* What's the weather like? (Do we need special clothes?)
- \* Is there a utility deposit waiver program?
- \* What medical facilities are available?
- \* What new laws, taxes or other requirements of this area should you know?
- \* What about your new job? Hours? Weekdays only? Much TDY? Special uniforms?
- \* Will your spouse be able to get a job in the area? Will that require special child care or transportation considerations?

#### QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- \* How do I get there? Fly? Drive? Two cars? What about pets?
- \* Which household goods should I bring and which should I let the movers take?
- \* Do I have any special needs? Gifted or learning disabled child? Special medical needs?
- \* Do I need to contact my auto lender regarding my move? Car insurance company?

#### AFTER YOU ARRIVE

- \* Contact your sponsor.
- \* Visit the finance office and housing.
- \* Visit the folks at ACS or other service agencies.
- \* Do you need a local bank account? Compare banks and credit unions for best rates.
- \* Must you change your car registration? (Cars should be registered in your home of record state or in the state in which you are stationed.)
- \* Do you or your spouse need a new drivers license?

For additional information, contact your local Army Community Service, Consumer Affairs/Financial Readiness or the West Point ACS's Financial Readiness at 845-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

## **Exceptional Family Member Program** (EFMP)

For more information on this subject: Exceptional Family Member Program http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acs/virtual2/menu\_efmp. html

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to families with special needs. Soldiers on active duty enroll in the program when they have a family member with a physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disorder requiring specialized services so their needs can be considered in the military personnel assignment process.

Family members must be screened and enrolled, if eligible, when the soldier is on assignment instructions to an OCONUS area for which command sponsorship/family member travel is authorized and the soldier elects to serve the accompanied tour. This screening consists of medical records review for all family members and developmental screening for all children 72 months of age and younger.

Soldiers are responsible for keeping their EFMP enrollment current as exceptional family member condition changes or at least every three years, whichever comes first.

Contact the EFMP Manager at ACS for assistance at 845-938-2519/4621 or visit ACS at 622 Swift Road. See also the Category, EDUCATION, subject area, SPECIAL EDUCATION.

## **Household Goods In-Bound Shipments**

The Transportation Division, Inbound Household Goods, (845-938-4052/4053 or DSN 688-4052/4053) needs a local (work or hotel) telephone number and address where you can be reached at all times. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, promptly provide transportation with your new address. If at all possible, accept delivery of your personal property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and reduce the opportunity for possible loss or damage. It will also reduce or eliminate storage expenses. Transportation, Inbound Household Goods' hours are 0800-1600 Mon-Fri with appointments recommended.

While you are awaiting delivery of your household goods, make an appointment (845-938-2519, DSN 688-2519) with Relocation Readiness to borrow items from the LOAN CLOSET TO GET YOU BY UNTIL YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS ARRIVE.

At some time during delivery of your household goods, an inspector representing the transportation office may drop by to check on how your move (including the unloading) is going. The inspector usually asks how your move has gone and if you have any related questions or problems.

When your household goods arrive, you are entitled to have the movers UNPACK ALL YOUR BOXES (and they can take the empty boxes with them). If you decide to have the carrier leave without

unpacking everything, you should at least have them unpack your most valuable items and set up your beds. Ensure any damages or missing items are listed on the front of DD Form 1840 (pink form). Both you and the delivery agent should sign and date the form before the agent leaves.

#### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AT DELIVERY:

You (or the representative you have designated in writing) must be at home on the day of delivery. You must:

- 1) Know in advance where you want each piece of furniture placed. The mover is required to place each piece only one time.
- 2) Check each carton or item off the inventory. Make sure everything that was picked up is delivered.
- 3) List any damage or missing items with appropriate inventory numbers on the DD Form 1840, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery," to avoid problems. Make sure you look over your property and list any missing inventory line items or noticeable damage at this time.

## CARRIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT DESTINATION:

You can expect the carrier to begin delivery of your shipment between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM and complete service by 9 PM.

- 1) Unpack and unwrap all cartons, boxes and crates.
- 2) Place each item or carton in the room you indicate. This includes placement of unpacked articles in cabinets, cupboards or on kitchen shelves when convenient and consistent with the safety of the articles and in the order that it is unwrapped or unpacked. Have placement of furniture and cartons planned out prior to the arrival of the carrier.
- 3) Assemble all furniture and equipment disassembled by the movers at origin.
- 4) Remove packing and blocking from appliances. The carrier is not required to connect appliances to electric, gas or water outlets.
- 5) Remove all packing material resulting from the unpacking.
- 6) If you decide to do some or all of your unpacking, the carrier is not required to go back to pickup any carton or trash.
- 7) Jointly with you, make a written record of any loss or damage on the DD Form 1840, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery," sign the document and obtain your signature. The carrier must leave three copies of the DD Form 1840/1840R with you.

For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES and HOUSEHOLD GOODS OUT-BOUND. In fact, read through this whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

## **Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments**

Generally, the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and arrangement of household goods begins once the service member receives orders from the personnel section and a destination site has been determined. Specific arrangements for personal shipments normally begin at the local transportation office. Each pay grade has its own weight allowance, which is the maximum weight that can be moved at government expense under JFTR. The allowance includes the weight of household goods shipped, placed in storage or sent as unaccompanied baggage. Anything exceeding the maximum weight allowance must be paid by the service member. All shipments can be weighed before destination delivery and can be coordinated with the local transportation office.

MAKE SURE YOU SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICE ONCE NEW PCS ORDERS ARE IN HAND.

USMA Transportation Outbound Household Goods, 626 Swift Road, can be reached at 845-938-5911/3568. Appointments are necessary for processing of applications.

See also, Category RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES for more information on how much weight you can ship at government expense and how to estimate the weight of your possessions.

#### **Household Goods Claims**

If you discover additional loss or damage not annotated on the DD Form 1840, you must use the "Notice of Loss or Damage" (DD Form 1840-R) on the reverse of the DD Form 1840. You have up to 70 days to inspect your property and record all loss or damage. In all instances the completed DD Forms 1840/1840R must be delivered to your local claims no later than 70 days from date of delivery. Failure to deliver the form or list all items may result in a reduction of the amount payable on your claim.

You have two years from the date your shipment was delivered to file your claim against the government. However, to assure prompt settlement, claims should

be filed as soon as the damage or loss is apparent. Bear in mind that you cannot legally receive double payment (the government and private insurance) for the same damage. Should this happen you would be responsible for returning any over-payment to the government.

If you sustain property loss or damage, promptly contact the claims office for assistance. You must allow both the government and the carrier to inspect the damage if either request to do so. Do not dispose of damaged items until the damage has been inspected by all proper parties or you have been notified to dispose of it. In the case of mildewed or smoke-damage, you may be required to keep the articles until your claim is settled, at which time some items may have to be disposed of through salvage channel. Your claims representative can advise you.

CLAIMS OFFICE 606 Thayer Road 845-938-2016/4571 DSN 688-2016/4571 Fax 845-938-2390 DSN 688-2390

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Appointments are necessary for counseling and processing of applications. Upon delivery of your household goods, you will receive a DD Form 1840R from the carrier. Any damages that you discover subsequent to the day of delivery must be noted on the reverse side of this form and returned to the Claims Office within 70 days of delivery. Call if you have any questions.

## **Household Goods Weight Allowances**

Permanent-change-of-station (PCS) is an ordered change to a new duty station outside the corporate limits of the city or town where the service member is now stationed. A PCS entitles the service member to certain entitlements. Among these is the transporting (shipping) and/or storage of the service member's possessions.

You, not your transportation officer or carrier, are responsible for staying within this weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped or stored exceeds that amount, you must pay all charges connected with the excess weight. For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. Estimates should start early, even before you visit your transportation office to set up the move. You should make the first estimate because the transportation office counselor will ask you how much weight you will be shipping.

An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathroom) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage, storage rooms, basement, etc. As a double check later in the movement process, count the number of items on the inventory form used by the carrier. Then multiply the number by 40 pounds. This is another rule-of-thumb method for estimating the weight of your shipment. If, while your goods are being packed and loaded, there is evidence that the shipment will exceed your weight allowance, you may want to call your transportation office. People there can estimate the costs associated with your excess weight. This way you will be somewhat prepared for charges you will have to pay. If you are separating from the service and will not remain in a pay status, excess cost must be paid in advance of this shipment.

The following table gives the weight allowance limits, in pounds, for shipping and/or storing personal household goods that the government will ship/store at no charge when there is a PCS. These weight limits are dependent upon rank and whether or not the move (PCS) is with family members (called With Dependents). The \* in the table below beside E-3s, E-2s and E-1s means that the service member in these ranks when married to other E-3s, E-2s and E-1s are entitled to a combined weight allowance of 5,000 pounds when both are without dependents. The \*\* in the table at the E-4 row means that an E-4 with less than 2 years of service would be authorized 3,500 pounds without dependents and 7,000 pounds with dependents and the E-4 with more than 2 years of service would be authorized 7,000 pounds without dependents and 8,000 pounds with dependents.

**Household Goods Weight Allowances** 

| Grade | Allowance w/Dependents | Allowance wo/Dependents |
|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| E1    | 5,000                  | 1,500*                  |
| E2    | 5,000                  | 1,500*                  |
| E3    | 5,000                  | 2,000*                  |
| E4    | 7,000**/8,000**        | 3,500**/7,000**         |
| E5    | 9,000                  | 7,000                   |
| E6    | 11,000                 | 8,000                   |
| E7    | 12,500                 | 10,500                  |
| E8    | 13,500                 | 11,000                  |
| E9    | 14,500                 | 12,000                  |
| W-1   | 12,000                 | 10,000                  |
| W-2   | 13,500                 | 12,500                  |
| W-3   | 14,500                 | 13,000                  |
| W-4   | 17,000                 | 14,000                  |
| O-1   | 12,000                 | 10,000                  |
| O-2   | 13,500                 | 12,500                  |
| O-3   | 14,500                 | 13,000                  |
| O-4   | 17,000                 | 14,000                  |
| O-5   | 17,500                 | 16,000                  |
| O-6+  | 18,000                 | 18,000                  |

## **POV In-Bound Shipments**

CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, INBOUND HOUSEHOLD GOODS 845-938-4052/53, DSN 688-4052/53, FOR CURRENT INFORMATION.

The closet port to West Point is: METRO NY/NJ VPC

POC: Govt. Rep. American Auto Logistics/NJ Vehicle Processing

Address: 301 Supor Blvd. Harrison, NJ 07029 877-269-3702; 973-485-8164

FAX: 973-485-6925 Hours: 0800-1700

It is about a 2-hr drive from West Point. By car, take exit 15-W on the NJ Turnpike. After paying the toll, take the first exit, Kerney 508 West, that will bring you onto Harrison Ave. Follow Harrison Ave for approximately 1 mile to the second traffic light (1 flashing yellow and then 2 regular lights). Harrison Ave intersects with Supor Blvd. Make a left turn onto Supor Blvd and go four blocks where you will make a right onto Wilhelm St. The Vehicle Center is on the right.

Name: Where is my POV?

**WWW Link:** http://www.whereismypov.com/

## **POV Out-Bound Shipments**

For more information on this subject: POV Shipping (requires Acrobat Reader) http://www.mtmc.army.mil/CONTENT/599/Povpam. pdf

The successful movement of your POV is not a matter of chance. It is a result of proper advance preparation and planning. It's your vehicle. Ask questions. Be involved. Read what you sign. Contact your local transportation office prior to making any plans to ship a POV. Ensure you have sufficient funds available in the event of unexpected delays or expenses to, from, or at the POV processing center. Call the port in advance.

Do not arrive at port with more than a quarter tank of gas. If you do so, you will have to leave the port and pay someone to pump out the extra gallons.

WEST POINT TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, OUTBOUND HOUSEHOLD GOODS 845-938-5911/3568, DSN 5911/3568

## **POV Claims**

POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) claims for damages that occurred during the time that the vehicle was in the possession of the government for shipping purposes must be reported to the Claims Office. The Claims Office will handle both POV claims and Household Goods claims.

CLAIMS OFFICE BLDG 606 845-938-2016/4571 DSN 688-2016/4571 Fax 845-938-2390 DSN 688-2390

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Appointments are necessary for counseling and processing of applications. Upon delivery of your household goods, you will receive a DD Form 1840R from the carrier. Any damages that you discover subsequent to the day of delivery must be noted on the reverse side of this form and returned to the Claims Office within 70 days of delivery. Call if you have any questions.

## **Pet Boarding/Kennels**

For more information on this subject: Morgan Farm Kennel (MWR Activity) http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/kennel/Kennel.ht m

West Point's Morgan Farm Kennel is located behind O'Neill High School off 9W in Highland Falls. Morgan Farm Kennel can be contacted at 845-938-3926, DSN 688-3926. The military/DoD daily rates are \$14.00 for a dog run and \$9.00 for a cat. Reduced long-term rates available for guaranteed 30 or 60 days. This newly constructed kennel is operated by the Community Recreation Division and is open throughout the year. Their rates are competitive and are based on the weight of the animal. If traveling with animals, PLAN AHEAD for their care as most local motels (to include the West Point Army Lodging Facility) DO NOT allow pets.

If space is not available in the post kennel, privately owned kennels are available in nearby communities.

Check in the phone book for kennel. A few suggestions are: Affordable Grooming and Boarding, 845-564-3597, Newburgh; Flannery Animal Hospital and Kennel, 845-565-PETS, Newburgh; Colby Kennels, 845-562-5275, Vails Gate; Newburgh Veterinary Hospital & Kennel, 845-564-2660, Newburgh

See also Category RELOCATION, subject areas, PET TRANSPORTATION and BILLETING for information on traveling with or shipping your pet. Also, check for the local hotels/motels that will accept pets.

## **Pet Licensing**

Dogs and cats must be registered within thirty (30) days of arrival at West Point. This is accomplished on a walk-in basis by bringing proof of rabies

vaccination and the animal's health record. Dogs and cats at West Point are required to have an annual rabies vaccination. All animals taken to the clinic must be on a leash or in a carrier. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed in the clinic. All cats and dogs outside a fenced yard must be restrained on a leash while in the residential areas at West Point. Owners are required to clean up after their pets. See also subject area, VETERINARY SERVICES in this category.

Veterinary Treatment Facility 630 Hodges Place 845-938-3817, DSN 688-3817 Hours: 0800-1530 Mon-Fri

## **Pet Quarantines**

Only rabid suspect animals are quarantined at the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

## **Veterinary Services**

Rabies vaccines are provided for both cats and dogs beginning at 8-9 weeks of age. Health certificates will be issued to animals in preparation for travel not more than 10 days before leaving. Proof of immunization 30 days before is required. An appointment is necessary to have the animal examined at the Veterinary Treatment Facility. All animals taken to the clinic must be on a leash or in a carrier. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed in the clinic. Private veterinary service is available in Highland Falls and other nearby communities.

VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY 630 Hodges PL, second floor 845-938-3817, DSN 688-3817 Hours: 0800-1530 Mon-Fri (by appointment only)

## **Pet Transportation**

Once you have decided that an animal is going to be your traveling companion, PLAN FOR YOUR PET'S TRIP in the same way you plan your own -- WELL IN ADVANCE.

#### PET HEALTH

Nothing can waylay a trip with an animal faster than a health problem, and your pet's well-being should be of primary importance to you. Your pet will be subjected to conditions guaranteed to cause stress to your animal. A clean bill of health is an important first step in assuring your pet's ability to adjust safely to unfamiliar surroundings.

#### HOUSING

If you and your pet plan to stay in a hotel, motel or inn, call in advance to check if pets are allowed and to make reservations. It is not a good idea to try and "sneak" a pet in or announce upon your arrival that the reason you need a double room is that your Great Dane is staying with you. You and your pet could be left without a place to stay.

#### KENNEL

If you plan to board your pet at your destination point, reservations are also necessary, especially during the heavy travel periods of holidays and summers. Try to obtain a reliable recommendation for a boarding kennel.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE IN A PARKED CAR. In summer, it takes only minutes for the heat to climb to more than 120 degrees, even in the shade. In winter, closed cars become refrigerators on wheels and the cold is as dangerous as summer heat. (In some states it is against the law to leave an animal alone in a car.)

## **PCS Reporting Procedures**

When you are planning your route to West Point, check out the directions for driving here that are in the Category, INSTALLATION, subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS. If you experience an emergency while traveling to West Point, refer to IN-TRANSIT EMERGENCIES in this category for more information on what to do and whom to contact.

\*\*\*\* INPROCESSING PROCEDURES \*\*\*\*

#### INPROCESSING PROCEDURES

Inprocessing procedures are different depending upon the unit to which you are assigned. When reporting in, you must be in uniform and have original DA Form 31 (leave request) and a copy of your PCS orders. If you are delayed, call your unit you are to report to immediately.

1st of the 1st INPROCESSING HQs 1st BN 1st Inf 621 Wilson Road PHONE:

(duty hours): 845-938-4509/2516 DSN 688-4509/2516 (after duty hours): 845-938-8846 DSN 688-8846

FAX: 845-938-2097 DSN 688-2097

Hours: duty and non-duty hours

All inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the US Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, HHC, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to the HQs 1st BN 1st Inf, Bldg 621. In the event of an emergency or if you are delayed and are not able to report by the correct date, please call 845-938-4509/2516 during duty hours and 845-938-8846 (SDNCO) during non-duty-hours.

#### MEDDAC INPROCESSING

MEDDAC Personnel Division Keller Army Community Hospital 900 Washington Road, Room 2E2

All USA MEDDAC personnel will report to Room 2E2 KACH upon arrival to West Point prior to 2100 hours or call 845-938-5169. Soldiers arriving after duty hours or on weekends must report to Bldg 620, Medical Company, or call 845-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 845-938-3245.

#### DENTAC INPROCESSING

HQ Commander Saunders Dental Clinic 606 Thayer Road PHONE: 845-938-4212

DSN 688-4212 FAX: 845-938-7688 DSN 688-7688

All DENTAC personnel arriving during duty hours will report to Saunders Dental Clinic, Bldg 606. Soldiers arriving after duty hours must report to Bldg 620 or call 845-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 845-446-3245.

#### BAND INPROCESSING

USMA Band Band Bldg, Egner Hall 685 Hardee Place PHONE: 845-938-2445 DSN 688-2445 FAX: 845-938-2617

DSN 688-2617

Newly assigned personnel with USMA Band will report to the Band Building, Bldg 685 during duty hours. After duty hours call HQ at 845-938-2445 to access the SDNCO message machine. The message will include the emergency contact phone number for the SDNCO of the day to call to check in and receive further instructions.

NORTHEAST VETERINARY SERVICE SUPPORT DISTRICT Chief Veterinary Services, West Point Branch 630 Hodges Place PHONE: 845-938-3817 DSN 688-3817 FAX: 845-938-2205

DSN 688-2205

### **Separation Procedures**

Call the Personnel Services Center at 845-938-3527, DSN 688-3527, well in advance to arrange for preseparation counseling and procedures.

Contact the Employment Readiness and the TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, 845-938-2519/4621, 622 Swift Rd., for completion of the pre-separation counseling and pre-separation checklist. Transition Assistance planning, referrals, and counseling services are provided. Career and employment counseling, assistance with resume, cover letter preparation, completion of federal application for employment, related workshops and seminars, local and national job referrals, long distance job search, and a full range of job search related services to include internet, SDS and Myers-Briggs testing. Services are available to military personnel, DoD civilians, their family members, and retired military personnel. This office operates on an appointment basis.

### **Billeting**

For more information on this subject: West Point Army Lodging Facility http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/5STAR/5star. htm

All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. A housing representative will counsel personnel by appointment. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters. Plan to stay longer in temporary accommodations if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (845-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845).

The SINGLE SOLDIER BARRACKS sit on a hill overlooking West Point. The barracks recently underwent a \$17.8 million renovation. The barracks provide single soldiers with their own fully carpeted rooms, a bathroom shared with only one other

person, central air conditioning and heating with controls in every room. Each room has a closet with additional storage cages in the basement. Single NCOs have a living room and a bedroom along with a closet and their own bathroom. The barracks also have basketball courts, a volleyball court, car wash area, a laundry room, and a mailroom. The dining facility, bowling center, and a library are within easy walking distance of the barracks.

USMA has a wide variety of areas and styles of both bachelor and family quarters. Family units range from one to six bedrooms, from apartment buildings to single-family units. Bachelor units may range from one to three bedroom apartments.

For a list of area motels and other lodging facilities, see Category, HOUSING, Subjest area, HOUSING OVERVIEW.

Name: Dutchess County NY

**POC:** Where to Stay

WWW Link:

http://www.dutchesstourism.com/accomodations.ht

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Name: Orange County NY

**POC:** Where to Stay

WWW Link:

http://www.orangetourism.org/Where\_to\_Stay.html

Name: Rockland County NY

**POC:** Where to Stay

WWW Link:

http://www.rockland.org/hotel\_txt.html

## **Unaccompanied PCS**

Officers and soldiers in the grade of SFC and above who collect BAH at the without dependent rate may live off-post. Bachelor quarters are for bonifide bachelors only. West Point and the surrounding communities are considered high cost of living areas. Off-post housing is both scarce and expensive. Work closely with your sponsor. See also the other subject areas in this category of RELOCATION SERVICES.

Refer to the subject area BILLETING in this category, RELOCATION for details of local places to stay.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL HOUSING 626 Swift Rd.

845-938-4500, DSN 688-4500

FAX: 845-938-6196, DSN 688-6196

Housing can be called Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845.

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

## **Support Services**

## **Support Services Overview**

West Point offers a wide range of support services operated by agencies both on and off post. The following listings provide program overviews. For information on services not listed, please call Information and Referral, 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

The ACS Center will facilitate commander's ability to provide comprehensive, coordinated and responsive services that support readiness of soldiers, civilian employees and their families. The ACS Center will maximize technology and resources, adapt to unique installation requirements, eliminate duplication in service delivery and measure service effectiveness. ACS services promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability.

## **Family Centers**

For more information on this subject: ACS at West Point

http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/acs/wpacs.htm

The following ACS Center provides services to single soldiers as well as military families and DoD civilians and their families.

## ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER ACS CENTER

622 Swift Road

PHONE: 845-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621

FAX: 845-938-3019, DSN 688-3019

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Army Community Service programs include Financial Readiness (Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program), Information and Referral, Relocation Readiness, Employment Readiness (Transition Assistance Program, Family Member/Transition Assistance Program), Soldier and Family Readiness (Family Advocacy Program, and the Exceptional Family Member Program.) Please contact the ACS staff, Information and Referral, for information on any of these programs.

#### **Information and Referral**

Information and Referral for service members and their families, before, during, and after the relocation process is available. Information and referral through the use of local resources and SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service) is available for West Point, as well as all service branches, DoDwide. Visit ACS, 622 Swift Rd. or call 845-938-2519/4621 for Information and Referral to address any pursuit you may be interested in or have questions about.

#### INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

ACS Center 622 Swift Road

phone: 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621

FAX: 845-938-3019, DSN 688-3019

email YJ6474@usma.edu

## **Financial Assistance Programs**

Financial Readiness of Army Community Service is designed to help installation personnel improve their credit reliability and reputation, reduce levels of indebtedness and to help them make their money work for them. Clients are worked with on a one to one basis to formulate budgets. Consumer classes are also held.

Services include: budget and debt liquidation counseling, assistance with complaint resolution, check-book reconciliation, consumer advocate, seminars and classes on consumer issues such as banking and credit union services, budget development and record keeping, credit, consumer rights and obligations, and checking account maintenance.

Call ACS 845-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621 and make an appointment with Financial Readiness.

#### **Emergency Assistance**

For more information on this subject: Army Emergency Relief (AER) Homepage http://www.aerhq.org/

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial emergency assistance based upon need, through either loans or, when there is a particular hardship, grants. Categories of financial assistance include: Basic living expenses (food, shelter, utilities), medical not covered by TRICARE, dental not covered by the TRICARE Dental Program, funeral expenses, emergency transportation, essential car repairs, pay and allotment problems, disasters and assistance for widows, mothers and children. For Army Emergency Relief, the Commander or 1SG will set up an appointment for you. Service members must use their chain of command. Contact AER at 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

AER CAN --

Help with emergency financial needs for:

Food, rent or utilities
Emergency transportation and vehicle repair
Funeral expenses
Medical/dental expenses
Personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen
Also.

Give undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of soldiers

In times of emergency need, you can also contact West Point's American Red Cross at 845-938-4100 Monday through Thursday during the hours of 10:30-3:30. After hours, weekends and holidays please call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at 1-877-272-7337. Quick communications home with about emergencies is available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-aweek, including verification of death or serious illness or immediate family; birth announcements to fathers deployed overseas; and health and welfare reports resulting from a lack of communication over a long period of time. The American Red Cross also offers financial assistance for military personnel and their immediate families in the form of interest free loans or grants when a loan would place a greater hardship on the family. Examples of need for financial assistance are: emergency leave expenses for the service person or his/her family member; for family necessities which may result when an allotment check is not received or is delayed; for personal needs of an essential nature; and for convalescent leave expenses.

## **Family Advocacy**

The Family Advocacy Program was developed by the Army to promote healthy positive family relations and ideals within the community. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is designed to help protect those who are victims of abuse, and to professionally train and educate assisting personnel.

The focus of the Family Advocacy Program is on the prevention and education of domestic violence, child abuse and child neglect. Parenting skills classes are sponsored throughout the year as well as command and troop briefings. Crisis intervention counseling is available with referrals to appropriate agencies. Home visits are also available on request.

The Family Advocacy Program provides crisis information and referral to community resources. The Family Advocacy Program maintains a topic-specific

library of videotapes, books, and pamphlets. Family Advocacy provides speakers for community groups interested in family services and safety. Parent and professional training sessions are held throughout the year to increase the awareness of child and spousal abuse and to educate as to the reporting procedures. There are classes available to families that include the following topics: parenting, stress management, conflict resolution, and marriage enrichment.

The Family Advocacy Program plays a key role in assessing suspected incidents of abuse. Cases involving children are coordinated with the State Child Protective Services. To report an incident of abuse or if you have any questions regarding child or spousal abuse, you can contact our personnel at Family Advocacy Program in the Army Community Service Center, 622 Swift Road, 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

For assistance during after duty hours, please contact the West Point Office of the Provost Marshal at 938-3333.

## **Single Member Services**

SINGLE SOLDIER BARRACKS See page 59 for detailed information.

Opportunities for the single soldier are many; New York City is only 50 miles away and there is a train station across the river. Atlantic City is also nearby. ITR offers many inexpensive trips. The companies all compete with intramural sports competitions including flag football, volleyball, softball, and basketball. There is also a great need for coaches and officials in our youth programs in order to make them work. Many of the youth chapel groups and scouts need your help. Begin your search by calling Youth Services at 938-3727/8899 or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 938-3655. See also subject MILITARY RELATED CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (under the category COMMUNITY) for the listing for "USO" and "Soldiers' Sailors' Marines' and Airmen's Club of NYC."

BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers)

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program supports the overall quality of single soldiers' lives. BOSS identifies real quality of life (QOL) issues and concerns recommending improvements through the chain of command. Invites participation of single soldiers in recreational

activities, community service projects, and improvement of the quality of life. Provides representation for the soldiers by the soldiers at the garrison, battalion, and company level. BOSS encourages and assists single soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities. Seed money is available for recreational trips.

## **Support Groups**

For more information on this subject: Orange County Support Groups http://www.mhaorangeny.com/supportgroups.htm

Listed below are a few of the local support groups in the area. For more information or if you have questions, ACS's Family Advocacy Program or the Exceptional Family Member Program at 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621 will be able to refer you.

#### COMMUNITY HOTLINES:

Helpline: 1-800-832-1200 Someone is available 24

hours a day.

Teen Suicide: 1-800-832-1200 Rape Crisis Information

Goshen, NY): 845-294-9355 or 1-800-832-1200 New York State Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-

3720

#### **ALANON & ALATEEN**

phone: 845-294-9999 24-hour answering service; ALANON is a non-professional self-help group of families and friends of alcoholics, who meet to share experience, strength and hope.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Daytime meetings held at Hudson House at 121-123 Broadway in Newburgh: Tues-110; Wed, Thurs, Fri-1300; Sun-1100. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Clinic at 845-938-7691, DSN 688-7691.

## HOSPICE OF ORANGE IN HUDSON VALLEY

70 Dubois Street; Newburgh, New York 12550 phone: 1-800-924-0157, 845-561-6111

This is a community based program of home care treating the terminally ill and their families as a unit. Interdisciplinary teams provide physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic support. Call for more information.

## ORANGE COUNTY SAFE HOMES PROJECT. INC.:

phone: 845-562-5340 or 845-856-1919

Provides aid to battered women and their children.

### STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

phone: 845-938-4621/2519 DSN: 688-4621/2519 Parenting Classes are offered through the Family Advocacy Program periodically throughout the year. Call for the next scheduled class.

## Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

For more information on this subject: West Point DCFA http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/

West Point has a very complete Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program, MWR. At West Point the MWR program is under the direction of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, DCFA. There are a variety of activities open to active duty military members and their families, as well as DoD Civilians working at the Academy. DCFA offers a full range of activities including such things as youth services (YS and Youth Center), arts and crafts, automotive skills center, guest house, outdoor recreation (swimming and skiing), entertainment, ACS, golf course, sporting events, exercise classes, child care (CDC), club system, bowling center, and many other enriching activities and programs. See the link above for DCFA or email 8dcfa@trotter.usma.edu for specific information on a program or activity that you might be interested in learning more about.

Residents of the Town of Highlands may patronize the following West Point activities:

- a. The West Point Golf Course is open to the public on a space available basis.
- b. The Morgan Farm and Kennel is open to the public for boarding horses, riding lessons, and kenneling pets on a space available basis.
- c. The Hotel Thayer is open for lodging and dining to the general public.
- d. On 1 September 1999, the West Point Bowling Center entered a partnership agreement with the Town of Highlands, permitting Town residents to use the facility.
- e. Youth Services announces special events that are open to O'Neill High School students.
- f. The Transfer Station on route 293 (across from Round Pond entrance) is available to Town of Highlands residents for recycling and trash disposal. Bulk items including demolition and construction

debris may be disposed of for a fee set by the contractor at the transfer station.

- g. Youth sports camps sponsored by the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics are open to the public.
- h. Sporting events, Eisenhower Hall events, USMA Band Summer Concert series, and many other specially announced events are open to the public.
- i. Since West Point is an open installation and attracts many tourists, the Visitor's Center, Museum, South Dock picnic area, and most of the grounds are accessible to the public.
- j. The general public who secure New York State deer management permits may hunt on a specified area of the reservation.

Town of Highlands residents are frequently welcome guests of authorized patrons of the many other facilities and programs available at West Point.

## **Chapel Services and Programs**

For more information on this subject: Office of the Chaplains at USMA http://www.usma.edu/chaplain/

Many denominations and Chapels have various opportunities available to those who wish to make a contribution of faith, time and effort. To become better acquainted with the possibilities, visit the service or chapel of your choice. USMA services listed below are open to the public. Contact the Office of the Post Chaplain or stop the Post Chapel office at 692 Biddle Loop for more information on local programs and services. For services and chapels/churches not on West Point, see Category LOCAL COMMUNITY, subject area RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

#### CATHOLIC MASSES

Most Holy Trinity Chapel

Phone: 845-938-8760, DSN 688-8760

MASSES:

Sat: 1715; Sunday: 0900 & 1100; Daily: 1205

#### GENERAL PROTESTANT

The Cadet Chapel

Phone: 845-938-4106/3412, DSN 688-2754

Services: 1030 Sunday

### GENERAL PROTESTANT

The Post Chapel

Phone: 845-938-2003, DSN 688-2754 Services: 0900 & 1030 Sunday

The Cadet Chapel

Phone: 845-938-4106, DSN 688-2754

Services: 1030 Sunday

### GOSPEL SERVICE 1230 Sunday

#### JEWISH SERVICES

Jewish Chapel

Phone: 845-938-2776, DSN 688-2776 Sabbath Services: 1900 Friday during the academic year

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Thayer Hall, Room 144

Phone: 845-938-2031, DSN 688-2031

Meets: 1000 Sunday during the academic year 0800 Sunday

during the summer months

#### EASTERN ORTHODOX

Saint Martin's Chapel (Cadet Chapel basement)

Phone: 845-938-5168, DSN 688-5168

Service: 1030 Sunday

#### LATTER DAY SAINTS

Thayer Hall, Room 144

Phone: 845-938-5550, DSN 688-5550

Services: 0830 Sunday

## LUTHERAN

Old Cadet Chapel

Phone: 845-938-2226, DSN 688-2226 Holy Communion: 1030 Sunday during the academic year 0800 during summer months

#### SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Bartlet Hall, Second Floor

Phone: 845-938-4692, DSN 688-4692 Services: 0930 Sunday School

1030 Worship

### **Drug and Alcohol**

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program is located in the building at 606 Thayer Road. If you or a family member has a problem or suspected problem with either alcohol or drugs, contact this program.

This office provides prevention and education classes regarding substance abuse. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) does initial voluntary screenings for adult living problems (alcohol, drug, marital & financial issues, etc.) and offers referrals to appropriate agencies. On-post, free of charge providers are used whenever possible; civilian and TRICARE agencies are recommended when

necessary. The EAP is available to all civilian employees, their adult family members, and the adult family members of military personnel. Appointments may be made in person or by calling the office. Email to ya3429@usma.edu or call 845-938-2912, DSN 688-2912.

## **Legal Assistance**

Legal assistance is located at 606 Thayer Road, 4th floor, phone 845-938-4541/5104, DSN 688-4541/5104. Services provided include basic estate planning to include the drafting of wills, testamentary trust, power of attorney, consumer type legal problems and information, divorce counseling and separation agreements, income tax preparation and assistance, adoption and custody assistance, report of survey counseling, landlord-tenant disputes, and notary services. Even though notary services are provided on a walk-in basis, it is a good idea to call in advance to determine if a notary will be available to assist you. Please call to schedule an appointment for all other assistance.

### Child And Teen Services

#### **Child and Teen Services Overview**

For more information on this subject: West Point Activities http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/Activ.htm

West Point Youth Services provides a full range of social, cultural and athletic programs for youth grades K-12. Instructional programs include ballet, tap, jazz dance, character dance, drama, karate, cheerleading, ice skating and swim. The youth sports program offers baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and wrestling. An extensive recreation program is offered for youth that includes trips, outdoor adventure activities, arts & crafts, and parties. The Youth Center is open 7 days a week for walk in recreation and activities. The Youth Center is equipped with a full size gymnasium, 15-unit computer lab, high school lounge, recreation room, and food resale area. Selected programs are also available for children ages 3-5. Physical exams are required for children participating in cardiovascular Youth Services programs.

In order to ease the transition into the USMA community, Youth Services offers a Welcome Program for teenagers and preteens. These are held during the summer, generally in August after the families have completed their move. The Teen Council and the Keystone Club activities give teens

opportunities to take ownership of and participate in the Youth Services Programs.

West Point's Child Development Services offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years. The new Child Development Center, Bldg 1207, opened in the spring of 1998. It houses the CDC Full Day, Part-Day Pre-School, and part-time programs as well as SAS for grades K-2.

Registration with Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, with an annual \$20 family registration fee provides for a Child and Youth Card for SEAMLESS SERVICE. Your family will then be entitled to enroll in the Child Development Center, CDS Part Day Pre-School, Family Child Care (FCC), School Age Services (SAS) and Youth Service programs.

A 10-hour child care limit has been established by the Army to protect children from being in unregulated child care settings on an on-going basis. The 10 hour limit means that any family member living in government quarters providing child care for more than 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis must be certified as a Family Child Care Provider. See Category, EMPLOYMENT, subject area, PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING for more information on how to get certified. The 10 hour rule means that in their own quarters, adults may watch other peoples children for up to 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis without being certified Family Child Care, FCC, providers. For more information. Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, at 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458.

Remember, children may be left alone at eleven years of age for "reasonable periods of time" if they are in the fifth grade or above. Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR. For further information please contact the Family Advocacy Program at 845-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy Memorandum 39-02.

## **New Parent Program**

New parent programs are administered by the Family Advocacy Program. Contact Army Community Service Center at 845-938-4621, DSN 688-4621, for information on their new parent programs.

## **Child Care Programs - on Installation**

For more information on this subject: Child Development Services http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/CDS/WPCDS .HTM

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SPS

CDC, Bldg 1207

Phone: 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458 Fax: 845-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

The Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) for Child Development handles registration for ALL Child Development Services. If eligible for care, you may be placed on the WAITING LIST as soon as you are notified of your assignment to West Point. Contact SPS for information on placement on a waiting list for child care. Placement on the Waiting List does NOT guarantee care when needed. Placement in a program depends on openings available at the time you require care.

West Point offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years.

- > Child Development Center, CDC 845-938-4798, DSN 688-4798
- > Family Child Care, FCC 845-938-3921, DSN 688-3921
- > School Age Services, SAS 845-938-8898, DSN 688-8898
- > Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

Full Day Part Day - Preschool Part Day - School Age Hourly Care Special Needs Care\*

\*Children with SPECIAL NEEDS will be placed upon recommendation of the Special Needs Resource Team, SNRT, as well as availability of space.

## SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

Resource and Referral Before/After School Family Child Care Baby-sitter Training/Referral Parent Co-ops Private Organization Child care Short Term Alternative Care Volunteer Care in Unit Setting Special Needs Resource Team Parent Education Seminar Referral to Off Post Care

REMEMBER THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES BEFORE ANY CHILD CARE CAN BE PROVIDED.

The Child Development Center, CDC, has a Part Day Preschool. Please call Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, at 845-938-4458 from 0745 to 1630.

Hourly Care will be open from 0730-1630 for Intermittent care up to 24 hours per week. Some examples of those patrons that might consider this option would be those taking college classes that meet the same day(s) each week, that volunteer every Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the school, etc. The advantage to patrons with this program is that they can make one monthly payment; it will cost less than hourly care rates; and the slot will be guaranteed to them. Anyone interested in this program should call SPS at 845-938-4458 to get on a waiting list.

#### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

CDC Director, Bldg 1207

Phone: 845-938-4523/4798, DSN 688-4523

Fax: 845-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

Hours: 0630-1730 Mon-Fri

1000-1730 Home Football Saturdays

Range of rates: \$2.50 - \$3.00 per hour or monthly rates that depend on income. It is advisable to establish placement on the waiting list for child care before your arrival. This can be done by submitting a waiting list application requested through the Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS. Family Child Care, FCC, is available in homes of certified providers living at USMA. FCC providers offer full day, part-day and hourly care. Rates are determined by parental/provider agreement. Patrons must submit a Waiting List Application through SPS to request FCC.

## **Child Care Programs - Community**

For more information on this subject: NY State Resources and Referrals (Child Care) http://www.dfa.state.ny.us/

Child care in the surrounding community is rare. Referral to community child care (if available) is made by Supplemental Programs and Services Office.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SPS:

Phone: 845-938-4458, DSN 688-4458 FAX: 845-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC. 30 Matthews Street, Suite 104 Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-4012, extension 23 fax: (845) 294-4045 email children@magiccarpet.com

#### Services:

- \* Child care referral service
- \* Recruitment and required training of family day care providers
- \* Training workshops and programs for child care staff
- \* Community education meetings about choosing child care, and child care issues
- \* Information and assistance to groups starting day care services
- \* Collaboration between early intervention and child care providers

### Things To Do - Clubs and Social

For more information on this subject: STARS for Youth grades 5-10 http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/Star s.htm

For information on Scouting you can call West Point Youth Services at 845-938-3727/3550, DSN 688-3727/3550. The Teen Council and the Keystone Club activities give teens opportunities to take ownership of and participate in Youth Services Programs.

STARS is the newest addition to West Point Youth Services program. Opportunities are designed for youth who are in grades 5-10. This exciting program started on 7 June 1999, and is operating seven days a week. A diverse range of activities including Sports, Trips, Arts & Crafts, Recreation, and Special Events are scheduled.

See also the subject area, RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS, in this Category, CHILD AND TEEN SERVICES. O'Neill High School offers opportunities to participate in the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Math Team, Black Culture Club, Ecology Club, and Student Council, to name a few.

Name: Youth Programs

#### WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/wp ys\_programs.htm

Name: Youth Services

#### WWW Link:

http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/W

## **Things To Do - Recreation and Sports**

For more information on this subject: Community and Family Activities http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/

- The Arvin Gymnasium is open for all family members after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. Some of the facilities open for use are basketball courts, a weight room, squash and racquetball courts, swimming pools, and an indoor track. The gym is located in Central Area. For more information call 845-938-2338, DSN 688-2338.
- West Point offers a bowling center that has ten lanes with electronic scoring, music and lights, rental shoes and a snack bar. The lanes can be found by Buffalo Soldiers' Field, 622 Swift Road. For hours and information, call 845-938-2140, DSN 688-2140.
- West Point has an eighteen-hole golf course for everyone's enjoyment. The golfing facilities are located outside Washington Gate on route 218. For information call the Golf Club House at 845-938-2435, DSN 688-2435.
- Ice skating is offered in the Holleder Center at Tate Rink. For hours and rental information call 845-938-2991, DSN 688-2991.
- AAFES offers a variety of recently released movies in building 752 (Mahan Hall) in the Central Area. The price of tickets is much less than that of a public movie theater. \*Temporarily closed for renovations\*
- Round Pond is an off-post family recreational area open year round for camping and hiking. During the summer, swimming, paddle boating and canoeing are available. If interested, call 845-938-2503, DSN 688-2503.
- There are other on-post swimming areas open during the summer. Delafield Pond is separated into two areas, one for beginning swimmers and the other for more advanced swimmers. For more information

call 845-938-5158, DSN 688-5158. You can swim year-round in the Arvin Gymnasium pool.

- An additional family recreation area is the Victor Constant Ski Slope. It is located right outside Washington Gate on Route 218. Four downhill trails and a triple chair lift as well as a cross-country trail are popular winter sites. Rental equipment is available for both downhill and cross-country skiing. For hours and rental information, call 845-938-2745, DSN 688-2745.
- There are playing fields located at Target Hill Field by the Hudson River. During certain hours, Academy intramural teams play on these fields but for the rest of the day, the fields are free for use.
- Tennis courts are located in various areas in West Point. Some courts are in Lee and Lusk housing areas and others can be found near Clinton Field. Plus a new addition of the indoor courts up the hill behind Michie Stadium.
- Shea Stadium is located down by the Hudson River. This facility includes a fully equipped track and spectator seating for convenient use.
- Horseback riding is available at Morgan Farm Stables, situated on the other side of Highland Falls (adjacent to James I. O'Neill High School.) It provides horses that can be rented by the hour, stalls for privately owned horses, and a kennel. For reservations and more information, call 845-938-3926, DSN 688-3926.
- For the competitive swimmer, as well as beginner, West Point offers the West Point Swim Club. The Swim Club competes with other swim clubs from the Hudson Valley region. It is available for elementary through high school ages. For information and a point of contact, call Youth Services at 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.
- For the competitive gymnast, West Point offers the West Point Gymnastics Club. Members of this club include gymnasts from 4 to 18 years of age. They compete within their classes on both a local and a regional level. For more information and a contact person, call West Point Youth Services at 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.
- The Youth Center, 500 Washington Road, provides meeting places for pre-teens and teens. There are opportunities to use the computer lab, full size gymnasium or play games such as ping-pong, pool, and video games. Also, the Youth Center conducts

special events and has food and drinks for sale. For further information, call the West Point Youth Center at 845-938-8897, DSN 688-8897.

#### **Schools**

WEST POINT SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to reside in post housing assigned on the United States Military Academy at West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact DDESS General Counsel's Office determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/ separated parents are required.

#### AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before 1 September.

## ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

- Sirth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.
- Child's Social Security Number
- <> School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998, New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)
- <> Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.
- <> Report Card: from previous year

West Point School, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. School year 02-03 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 20 August 02. WPS normally ends the year about the first week in June.



#### PCSING WITH A SCHOOL AGE CHILD:

- >> Notify the current school of your move and give them the address of the gaining school if known. Request a copy of your student's SCHOOL RECORDS. It's nice to have your own copies to get your child registered in the correct courses before the official transcripts arrive. (You will need to request a copy in advance.) Keep the address and phone number of the current school to give to your child's new school so they can formally request the official transcripts.
- >> One additional list that is especially helpful for the students to have available when registering at the new school is a list of the textbooks and publisher for the academic subjects completed at the previous school. Course names or identifiers are not universal and may be misinterpreted. It is best to be prepared in advance so that the student is placed in the appropriate courses.
- >> Look up your new installation on SITES for registration requirements of the gaining school. See if they have a Youth Sponsorship program for your child to contact. Find out when school starts and arrange summer vacation around the start date. Keep your child informed about what you find out about the new school and the activities offered. Talk to your child about any concerns he/she has about the new school, required courses, extra curricular activities, making new friends and keeping in touch with old friends. For more information on the School Liaison Program or information on schools in the West Point area contact the West Point SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM email YB0130@usma.edu or call 845-938-2025, DSN 688-2025.
- >> HAND CARRY the following paperwork: Shot records, copy of last report card, IEP (if your child has one), copy of school records, birth certificate, social security card, social security number, any court documents concerning custody, adoption and guardianship.
- >> KEEP ALL PAPERWORK AWAY FROM THE PACKERS!! Put them in their own folder or envelope in a suitcase or bag you are hand carrying. Some people put the items they hand carry in a

locked room or closet, in their car, or at a neighbor's home so the movers don't accidentally pack them.

- >> Schedule a SCHOOL PHYSICAL as soon as you arrive if one is required to register at the new school. Register your student as soon as you determine the school he/she will attend. You do not want your child disappointed on the first day of school because the registration process was different than expected.
- >> Create a student PORTFOLIO for middle and high school students. Has your child volunteered for activities at school? Ask for a letter of recommendation from the activity advisor. Has your student participated in JROTC or sports? Ask for a letter from the coach or teacher. Keep these to give to the new school in place of tryouts if possible, or use for college admission and scholarship applications. Better to get the letters while the teacher's memory of the student and his/her accomplishments are fresh rather than wait until graduation approaches and the college application process requirements are being gathered.



It is advisable for parents to hand carry important school related documents (birth certificates, social security card/numbers, immunization records, previous school records, etc.) Expect to have a physical check up for each child that will be entering a new or first school. As all school records will be entered under the child's social security number, be prepared and have them readily available when you relocate.

West Point Schools, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. There are two separate buildings; one for the elementary students through fourth grade and the other for the middle school through grade 8.

High school students who reside at West Point attend James I. O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.)

Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

Contact the O'Neill High School guidance department at 845-446-4914 with any questions, especially those concerning Special Education Services.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(21 credits):
English, 4 Units
Social Studies, 4 Units
Mathematics, 2 Units
Foreign Language, 1 Unit
Science, 2 Units
Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit
Health, 1/2 Unit
Art/Music, 1 Unit
Sequence/Electives, 4-5 Units
Physical Education, 2 Units

#### WEST POINT SCHOOL, WPS

Ms. Phyllis Caputo, Registrar 705 & 705A Washington Road 845-938-3506, DSN 688-3506

Fax: 845-938-2724, DSN 688-2724

#### JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

Route 9W Highland Falls, NY 10928 845-446-4916 (Guidance Office)

Fax: 845-446-7108

For information on local schools, see the category, EDUCATION.

Name: James I. O'Neill High School

WWW Link:

http://www.mhric.org/hfcsd/jiopage.html

Name: West Point Schools

WWW Link: http://www.quan-

hs.odedodea.edu/wps/

## **School Age Care**

For more information on this subject: School Age Services

 $http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/SAS/WPSAS.HT\\M$ 

West Point School-Age Services, SAS, provides before-school and after-school programs (as well as before-school or after-school only) during the academic year. SAS for grades K-2 are located in the Child Development Center with grades 3-6 in the Youth Activities Center. Full-time camp programs are available during vacation periods. Intermittent

hourly service is also provided on a space available basis. Other program options include after-school homework assistance during the academic year as well as a tutoring program designed to improve/maintain skills during the summer. The computer lab and access to the internet is available after participating in an orientation class with a parent. Field trips, guest speakers, and MWR partnerships (i.e. bowling, swimming, outdoor recreation) are all incorporated into the SAS program to deliver programming in the areas of leisure and recreation, sports and fitness, mentoring and support services, lifeskills and citizenship.

SCHOOL AGE SERVICES, SAS

500 Washington Rd, Youth Center

845-938-8898, DSN 688-8898

fax: 845-938-8887; DSN688-8887

email yc6110@usma.edu

Enrollment for SAS is done through the Supplemental Programs and Services office in the CDC (845-938-4458 or DSN 688-4458). See also CHILD CARE PROGRAMS-ON INSTALLATION.

#### **Religious Programs**

For more information on this subject: Military Community Youth Ministry at West Point http://mcymwp.tripod.com/mcymwp/index.html

The following is a list of religious programs currently provided for the youth at West Point. In the summer there is vacation bible school. Contact the chaplain of your faith for details of these programs to include specific dates and times of the meetings or to volunteer your services with these or other chapel functions. Refer to the Category, SUPPORT SERVICES, subject area, CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS for more details.

Youth Ministry POC Darren Shelburne Office of the Chaplains 845-938-7682 or DSN 688-7682 email yd0666@usma.edu (See the web site given above.)

< Music Day Camp Location: Post Chapel: 845-938-2003, DSN: 688-2003; Children entering grades 1-8 enjoy a week of singing and fellowship each summer.

< Youth Ministries (Protestant): 845-938-2003, DSN: 688-2003

Young people have opportunities to participate in nondenominational activities and unity projects. Young Life (grades 9-12) has varied meeting times.

God's Gang (grades 6-8) usually meets Saturday evenings.

- < Youth Ministries (Catholic): 845-938-3721, DSN 688-3721
- < God's TYM (Total Youth Ministry) is a parish program for high school teenagers which meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 1900 to 2100 in the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium in Highland Falls. Members participate in Christian unity service projects and can elect to participate in a retreat program sponsored by the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry Center in Garrison. Adventure trips are also offered.
- < TEC (Teen and Twenties Encounter Christ): 845-938-2784, DSN: 688-2784; TEC offers young adults the opportunity to build unity through group experience with exploring the mysteries of Christianity. Four 3-day retreats are held during the academic year. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and for 0600 Mass on Wednesday mornings.
- < Chapel Choirs Opportunities to serve through the ministry of music are available at the Post Chapel, 845-938-4106, DSN 688-2754, (Senior, Youth and Junior Choirs, Handbell Choir); Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel, 845-938-3721, DSN 688-372; (Adult, Youth, Handbell, Folk Group and Singers) and the Jewish Chapel, 845-938-2710, DSN 688-2710.</p>

## **Special Events**

For more information on this subject: West Point Events Calendar http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/events/events.htm

ANNUAL EVENTS AT WEST POINT

- MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD (APRIL)
- <> ARMED FORCES TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (MAY)
- WEST POINT PONY GIRLS FASTPITCH TOURN. (JUNE)
- WEST POINT 10K, 5K & KIDS-K RACES (AUG)
- <> U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SHOW (NOV)
- WEST POINT HOLIDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FESTIVAL (DEC)
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (DEC)

Some others are:

- -- Special Olympics by Corp of Cadets, USCC
- -- 4th of July Fireworks, 1812 Overture with live Cannons
- -- Bike Rodeo MPs
- -- Family Symposium Installation Volunteer Coordinator
- -- Halloween Fest by Youth Services
- -- Red Ribbon Week Alcohol & Drug Control

### **Sponsorship and Support**

In order to ease the transition into the USMA community, Youth Services at West Point offers a Welcome Program for teenagers and preteens. These are held during the summer, generally in August after families have had a chance to complete the move to West Point. The Keystone Club and Torch Club give teens opportunities to take ownership of and participate in Youth Services Programs. Call or drop by the Youth Services, YS, office for current information on the Welcome Program or any of the over 30 instructional or sports programs. Call 845-938-8379, DSN 688-8379, for the very latest on Youth Sponsorship or email YJ6985@usma.edu.

Youth Services Director Youth Center 500 Washington Road 845-938-3727/8899, DSN 688-3727 fax: 845-938-7572, DSN 688-7572 Office Hours: 1000-1800 Mon-Fri

#### **Youth Employment**

For more information on this subject: Local - Non-Appropriated Fund Jobs Link http://www.usma.edu/cpo/local.htm

There are many employment opportunities for young adults. For younger as well as older teens, BABY-SITTING is plentiful. The Child Development Center, Supplemental Programs at 845-938-4458 or DSN 688-4458, sponsors courses to prepare youth for baby-sitting and maintains a list of those who have completed the course. During football season, babysitters are especially in demand. The Army Athletic Association Gift Shops hire teenagers for Army sports activities. Call 845-446-3040 for information. For older teens, employment opportunities exist at the Hotel Thayer, the community clubs, and Eisenhower Hall restaurant. Summer jobs as lifeguards are also available. A limited number of temporary summer employment positions and co-op positions during the academic year are available on post. Applications for these summer positions are usually accepted in March. To discover these and other employment options on West Point, contact Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 845-938-3069, DSN 688-3069 and the NAF Personnel Office at 845-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822/4580. While only limited opportunities for employment are available in Highland Falls, a wide variety of employment opportunities can be found in Newburgh and the surrounding local communities.

# NON-APPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYMENT, NAF

Employment Resource Center 626 Swift Road

Phone: 845-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822/4580

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

There are a number of activities at West Point that are not supported by appropriated funds (money provided from tax dollars). The positions are in the Hotel Thayer, Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA), and DCFA, (Directorate of Community and Family Activities) -- where funds are generated from fees for programs and services collected on the installations. There are limited numbers of managerial, technical, and professional positions, and many clerical, sales clerk, and waiter/waitress jobs. Non-Appropriated Fund positions are posted on the Non-Appropriated Fund Bulletin Board in the Employment Resource Center, 626 Swift Road, First Floor on the left. Persons interested in these positions should complete Application for Non-Appropriated Employment (Department of the Army Form 3433), available at the Employment Resource Center.

#### **Youth Centers**

For more information on this subject: Youth Services and Youth Center http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/YOUTH/Wpys.ht m

The Youth Services Activity Center, 500 Washington Road, is located across the street from the West Point Schools. The 15,000 square foot facility includes a gymnasium, snack bar, high school lounge, computer room, and other youth oriented areas.

Call or go by to get the latest on the Youth Center Hours and Computer Lab Hours as they change after the end of the school year and once again when the new academic year begins.

STARS is the newest addition to West Point Youth Services program. Opportunities are designed for youth who are in grades 5-10. This exciting program started in June 1999, and is operating seven days a week. A diverse range of activities including Sports, Trips, Arts & Crafts, Recreation, and Special Events are scheduled. When fees must be charged, they are kept to a minimum.

Youth Center Recreation Specialist 845-938-8525 DSN 688-8525 Fax 845-938-7572 DSN 688-7572 email YL0403@usma.edu

#### For Teens Only

For more information on this subject: Driver's Manual NY State Div. of Motor Vehicles http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/brochure.htm

#### **OVERVIEW**

West Point offers a variety of programs and activities for teenagers. This allows an individual to become more involved in the community and, therefore, meet new people. The following information has been provided for the benefit of teens just moving into the community. Teenagers are an integral part of the population. Because of this, there are many places and opportunities for teenagers. These activities have been compiled into a list of locations and phone numbers for personal use.

West Point is a very small post. Outside the gate is a small town/village. There is a McDonald's in Highland Falls and a Burger King at the PX. It is very surprising to the young people that we are so close (50 miles or so) to one of the most wonderful cities in world and yet so far (15 miles) to a "real" movie theater, mall or Walmart. The post offers many "amenities" (bowling, horseback riding, tennis, golf, snow skiing, etc.) but the normal hanging out at "the mall" requires a 20-30 minute drive ... usually over a mountain. There is an on post shuttle that runs on post only. Public transportation, as such, does not exist. We do not have any "noted" gangs or any "noted" tensions between our young people and the MPs or local police. That is not to say that no one ever gets into trouble here ... everyone here is as "normal" as any other place and "mistakes" are made and dealt with by the authorities. A curfew, as such, does exist but if you are out "running around" in the neighborhood in the middle of the night, you should not be surprised if some questions what you are doing or where you live. The gate guards will stop everyone (old folks included) entering post after a certain (late) hour and log them in (ID check, license plate number, where are you going? and all).

#### NOW, Before you MOVE:

!!! Create a student PORTFOLIO. Have you volunteered for activities at school? Ask for a letter of recommendation from the activity advisor. Have you participated in JROTC or sports? Ask for a letter from the coach or teacher. Keep these to give to the new school in place of tryouts if possible, or use for college admission and scholarship applications. Better to get the letters while the teacher's memory of you and your accomplishments are fresh rather than wait until graduation approaches and the college application process requirements are being gathered.

#### **SCHOOLS**

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a comprehensive public junior/high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.) Approximately 200 students at O'Neill High School live on the West Point installation. Free transportation to the high school is provided by the government for those students on post. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

James I. O'Neill High School is located near the Hudson River, about 50 miles north of New York City. The cosmopolitan school population is approximately 625 (grades 7-12). The great majority of the student body is enrolled in college preparatory courses. There are seven academic periods (plus lunch and Phys. Ed./Labs) of forty-two minutes each.

With O'Neill High School, literally, located "at the gates" of West Point, one-third of its student body (grades 9-12) consists of students that live on the grounds of West Point. Students from the Village of Garrison, a small community located directly across the Hudson River from the Town of Highlands, also attend O'Neill High School (grades 9-12). Grading is A=90-100; B= 80-89; C= 70-79; D= 65-69 and F= 64 and below (failing). An Advanced Placement course provides 4 extra points and Honors classes 3 extra points when calculating the GPA and class rank.

In 1999, 84% of the Class of '99 took the S.A.T. with a mean S.A.T Verbal of 542 and mean S.A.T. Math of 532. The Class of '99 had 55% entering a four-year

college and 35% entering a two-year college. Out of the 97 graduates in 99, there was 1 National Merit Scholarship, 3 Nation Merit Commendations, 9 Military Academy Appointments and 4 ROTC (4yr) Scholarship awarded. Also in 1999, thirty-seven students sat for seventy-nine Advanced Placement examinations in eight subjects that included English, American History, Chemistry, Spanish, French, Calculus, Physics, and Studio Art. 71% of the grades were 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement exams. In 2000, the Class of '00 had 61% entering a fouryear college and 26% entering a two-year college. Out of the 99 graduates in 2000, there was 1 National Merit Commendation. In 2000, 78% of the Class of '00 took the S.A.T. with a mean S.A.T. Verbal of 532 and mean S.A.T. Math of 533.

Average class size is 25.

The Enrichment Program consists of group activities/enrichment outside the usual curriculum plus supervised mentor-guided independent study.

Lunches are available at the schools in the district. Free and/or reduced priced lunch programs are available throughout the district.

Apparel for school should be neat, clean, and appropriate for a school situation. Tattered or unkempt clothing and clothing with logos that promote alcohol, drugs, or sex are not permitted.

#### JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL

Route W

Highland Falls, NY 10928

845-446-4914

For specific information contact the Guidance Office.

# HIGHLAND FALLS/FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

(Admin Offices are located in the O'Neill High School Building)

P.O. Box 287

Highland Falls, NY 10928,

845-446-9575

The district includes the Town of Highlands (Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, and Bear Mountain.) High school students from West Point and Garrison in Putnam County also attend with about 1,000 students and 65 teachers in the district that includes an elementary and middle school.

The academic year for Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Central School District does not follow the USMA cadet schedule or the West Point Schools' calendar.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (21 credits):

English, 4 Units Social Studies, 4 Units Mathematics, 2 Units Foreign Language, 1 Unit Science, 2 Units Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit Health, 1/2 Unit Art/Music, 1 Unit Sequence/Electives, 4 Units Physical Education, 2 Units

#### STATE ASSESSMENT TESTS:

Students must demonstrate competency in five areas. While the new State Assessments are being phased in, the actual requirements will vary for each entering class. Requirements are based on the year in which a student first enters Grade 9. They are summarized below. The number in parenthesis is the minimum passing score. Please note that there are safety net alternatives for students with a handicapping condition.

- (A) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/97 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55): the Global Studies RCT (65), or Global Studies Regents (65), the American History RCT (65); or the American History Regents (65); the Sequential Math 1 Regents (55) or the Math A Regents (55); and the Science RCT (65) or a Science Regents (65).
- (B) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/98 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55); the Global Studies Regents (55); the American History Regents (55); the Sequential Math 1 Regents (55); or the Math A Regents (55); and the Science RCT (65) or a Science Regents (65).
- (C) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/99 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (55); the Global Studies Regents (55); the American History Regents (55); the Math A Regents (55); and one Science Regents (55).
- (D) Beginning Freshmen as of 9/2000 must pass the Comprehensive English Regents (65); the Global Studies Regents (65); the American History Regents (65); the Math A Regents (55); and one Science Regents (55).

#### REGENTS DIPLOMA INFORMATION:

Candidates for a Regents Diploma must pass the Regents exams in their Sequence(s) (if offered), the Comprehensive English Regents, Global Studies Regent, United States History and Government Regents, a comprehensive Language other than English Regents and at least two Regents exams in both Science and Math. A Language other than English may not be used as a three credit Regents sequence. By adding a fourth year of the same language, however, one of the three credit sequences in plan A or B is satisfied. Students who complete a five unit sequence in Art or Occupational Education may take a three-credit sequence in place of Language other than English.

REGENTS DIPLOMA with HONORS: This extra distinction is awarded to those who have achieved an average of 90 or better on certain Regents Exams. They are Comprehensive English; Global Studies; United States History, and the Regents exams used to complete the sequence requirement.

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Vocational/Technical training is available at BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) BOCES in Goshen. A cable equipped TV studio at the HS is utilized for extra-curricular activities. An annual banquet is held to honor the High School Football Team. Girls High School Volleyball competed in the Sectionals in 99-00. Summer school is available through a neighboring district. An SAT Prep Course is offered after school on campus. The Drama Club stages a musical and a drama annually. The Band and Chorus perform numerous times during the year. Step dancing is included in the HS extra-curricular activities.

#### Sports Activities:

Sports include Tennis, Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, Swimming, Basketball, and Softball. As the HS is small and the sports offering are varied, the opportunities to participate are there for (almost) everyone.

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#### OUT-OF-STATE PERMITS AND JUNIOR LICENSES

Out of state learner permit holders, as well as driver license holders under age 18, are subject to both the restrictions on their home state permits or licenses and the restrictions which apply to New York permit holders and junior operators. Even if there are no restrictions on the driver in his or her home state, the New York restrictions still apply.

No driver under age 16 may drive in New York State under any circumstances, even if he or she holds a valid license or permit from another jurisdiction.

Some states may restrict learner permits to in-state operation only, in which case the permit is not valid at all for driving in NYS. Check with the state that issued the permit. Please note that while the out-of-state permit of a non-resident may be honored in NYS for driving, NYS does not accept out-of-state permits in exchange for a NYS learner's permit. A permit holder from another state who becomes a resident must apply for a NYS permit/license and take all tests and the pre-licensing course.

#### NEW DRIVERS--HOW TO APPLY

### BEFORE you come in to apply for your permit:

You must be at least 16 years old when you apply. If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian's signature is required on your application. Study the New York State Driver's Manual, available from your local DMV office. Parts Two and Three contain the information covered on the written permit test. You must have proof of identification that adds up to 6 points and proof of date of birth. If you do not have 6 points of ID, your parent or guardian must come with you to the office, complete form MV-45, and show their proof of identification. You must also provide your Social Security Number on the application, or provide a letter from the US Social Security Administration stating that you are not eligible for a Social Security Number.

#### WHEN YOU APPLY:

At your local DMV office, complete the MV-44 application form for a permit/license or non-driver ID and show proofs of identity and date of birth. Eve tests may be taken at the DMV office, or bring a completed MV-619 Visual Acuity Report form. Bring cash, check or credit card to pay application and license fees. Fees for permits/licenses vary. Check our fee schedule. Take the written permit test. To pass, you must correctly answer at least 14 of the 20 multiple-choice questions, including at least two of the four road sign questions. No appointment is needed, but you must arrive at least one half hour before office closing time when you come in to take the written test. If you do not pass, you may take the written test again as often as you wish, but we encourage those who do not pass the written test to study the Driver's Manual and come back another day to re-take the test. The written test fee is collected when you apply for your permit, there is no additional fee to re-take this test. If you pass the test, you will be issued a learner permit that is valid for up

to 5 years, depending on your exact age and birth date in relation to the date you apply. There are driving restrictions for permit holder and for drivers under 18. Get the complete text of the brochure, Learner Permits and Junior Licenses, for information on driving restrictions.

#### WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR PERMIT:

Practice, practice, practice. DMV recommends you have at least 30 hours of driving practice to prepare for your road test, with at least 10 hours in moderate to heavy traffic. We recommend you take professional instruction if possible or practice with an experienced driver. Most learners who fail their road tests do so because they are not properly prepared. ATTEND A MANDATORY pre-licensing course or complete high school or college driver education. The course is offered by most commercial driving schools licensed by DMV. Look in the telephone directory under "Driving Instruction." You must pass a 25-question, multiple-choice test at the end of the pre-licensing course. You will have two opportunities to pass the test. To pass, you must correctly answer 16 of the 25 questions. If you do not pass on the second attempt, you must retake the course. When you pass, you will receive a certificate that you must present when making your road test appointment and to the road test examiner on the day of your test. Only students who complete a high school or college driver education course approved by the NYS Education Department receive an MV-285 student certificate formerly know as a "blue card." You do not receive an MV-285 for completing the prelicensing course. DMV does not maintain a list of approved driver education courses. Contact vour school or the NYS Education Department.

Schedule a ROAD TEST. When you receive your permit, the local office will provide information on how to schedule your road test. In most areas, you must make an appointment by phone; in some areas you may make an appointment in person. It is usually 3-10 weeks from the date you schedule the test to the date of the test, with the longest waits generally occurring in summer. Be sure to read the complete instructions on how to schedule a road test. Before you take your road test, you may wish to see the brochure, "Road Test Tips." At the end of the road test, the examiner will tell you if you passed. If you did not pass, you may schedule a second road test. If you do not pass the second road test, you must pay a \$10 fee to take up to two more road tests.

A driver permit may only be renewed if the written test was taken within the last two years, AND the permit has not been expired for more than 30 days. Since permits are usually issued for 5 years, most new drivers never need to renew a permit.

#### AFTER YOUR ROAD TEST:

Converting from Class DJ to Class D With Driver Education

If a junior operator (Class DJ) turns in the driver education certificate (MV-285) to the DMV examiner after a road test, a Class D license will automatically be generated on the driver's 17th birthday and mailed to him or her. The record will show Class D as of the 17th birthday, and the driver is considered a Class D driver as of that date, even though he or she does not yet have the Class D document. Please note the Class D license will not be processed or record updated until the next business day if the 17th birthday falls on a weekend or state holiday. If the driver did not turn in the certificate, the driver must bring the Class DJ license and MV-285 certificate to a DMV issuing office on or after the 17th birthday and apply for an amendment using form MV-44. Holding an MV-285 and a Class DJ license at age 17 does not grant the driver Class D privileges. Until the Class D license is actually issued by DMV, the Class DJ driver is subject to all junior operator restrictions.

OUT OF STATE DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES. An out-of-state driver under age 18 who moves to NYS and has completed a high school driver education in the other state may use form MV-285.1 to request approval of the out-of-state course by the NYS Education Department. If approved, a certificate (MV-285) will be issued, and the driver may apply for a Class D NYS license as explained above.

Car insurance can be very expensive in NY State. As you will have to be put on your parent's existing policy, start saving or find a part-time job to help ease the pain for your family. It is easier for you and your folks when you pay the difference (increased cost) in the car insurance premiums. You may have to pay \$100 - \$200 a month extra so that you are "covered". Never drive (with or without a permit or license) until you are on the families' policy. One tiny fender-bender could not only cost you your driving privileges, your folks to (possibly) lose their insurance, but also your folks would be responsible for any damages both mechanical (car or street light) and body (to the occupants or pedestrians you injure. This could leave your folks liable for thousands (maybe 10s of thousands) in damages that their car insurance will not cover.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

There are many employment opportunities for young adults. For younger as well as older teens, babysitting is plentiful. The Child Development Center sponsors courses to prepare youth for baby-sitting and maintains a list of those who have completed the course. During football season, baby-sitters are especially in demand. The Army Athletic Association Gift Shops hire teenagers for Army sports activities; call 845-446-1670 for information. For older teens, employment opportunities exist at the Hotel Thayer, the community clubs, and Eisenhower Hall restaurant. Summer jobs as lifeguards are also available. A limited number of temporary summer employment positions and co-op positions during the academic year are available on post. Applications for these summer positions are usually accepted in March. To discover these and other employment options on West Point, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) at 845-938-3039, DSN 688-3039 and/or the (Non-Appropriated Fund) NAF Personnel Office at 845-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822. While only limited opportunities for employment are available in Highland Falls, a wide variety of employment opportunities can be found in Newburgh and the surrounding local communities.

#### LIBRARIES

There are two libraries on West Point. The Post Library is located beside Buffalo Soldiers' Field at 622 Swift Road. A wide selection of fiction books is found here. The telephone number is 845-938-2974, DSN 688-2974. The Cadet Library is located in Central Area, 757 Cullum Road. This is a large research library with a computer network to aid in the location of books and other materials. Call 845-938-2330/2636 for information.

#### RECREATION

- The Arvin Gymnasium is open for all family members after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. Some of the facilities open for use are basketball courts, a weight room, squash and racquetball courts, swimming pools, and an indoor track. The Arvin Gym is located in Central Area. For more information call 845-938-2338, DSN 688-2338.
- West Point offers a bowling center that has ten lanes with electronic scoring, rental shoes and a snack bar. The lanes are located across from Buffalo Soldiers' Field, 622 Swift Road. For hours and information, call 845-938-2140, DSN 688-2140.
- West Point has an eighteen-hole golf course for everyone's enjoyment. The golfing facilities are located outside Washington Gate on route 218. For information and a list of local courses in the area, call

the Golf Club House at 845-938-2435, DSN 688-2435

- Ice skating is offered in the Holleder Center at Tate Rink. For hours and rental information call 845-938-2991, DSN 688-2991.
- AAFES offers a variety of recently released movies in 752 Cullum Road (Mahan Hall) in the Central Area. The price of tickets is much less than that of a public movie theater.
- Round Pond is an off-post family recreational area open year round for camping and hiking. During the summer, swimming, paddle boating and canoeing are available. If interested, call 845-938-2503, DSN 688-2503.
- There are other on-post swimming areas open during the summer. Delafield Pond is separated into two areas, one for beginning swimmers and the other for more advanced swimmers. For more information call 845-938-5158, DSN 688-5158. You can swim year-round in Arvin Gymnasium pool.
- An additional family recreation area is the Victor Constant Ski Slope. It is located right outside Washington Gate (Route 218). Four downhill trails and a triple chair lift as well as a cross-country trail are popular winter sites. Rental equipment is available for both downhill and cross-country skiing. For hours and rental information, call 845-938-2745, DSN 688-2745.
- There are playing fields located at Target Hill Field by the Hudson River. During certain hours, Academy intramural teams play on these fields but for the rest of the day, the fields are free for use. Tennis courts are located in various areas in West Point. Some courts are in Lee and Lusk housing areas and others can be found near Clinton Field with the newest addition of an indoor court located just up the hill behind Michie Stadium.
- Shea Stadium is located down by the Hudson River. This facility includes a fully equipped track and spectator seating for convenient use.
- Horseback riding is available at Morgan Farm, situated adjacent to James O'Neill High School. It provides horses that can be rented by the hour, stalls for privately owned horses, and a kennel. For reservations and more information, call 845-938-3926, DSN 688-3926.

- For the competitive as well as beginner swimmer, West Point offers the West Point Swim Club. The Swim Club competes with other swim clubs from the Hudson Valley region. It is available for elementary through high school ages. For information and a point of contact, call Youth Services at 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.
- For the competitive gymnast, West Point offers the West Point Gymnastics Club. Members of this club include gymnastics from 4 to 18 years of age. They compete within their classes on both a local and a regional level. For more information and a contact person, call Youth Services at 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.
- The Youth Center, 500 Washington Road, provides meeting places for pre-teens and teens. There are opportunities to use the computer lab, full size gymnasium or play games such as ping-pong, pool, and video games. Also, the Youth Center conducts special events and has food and drinks for sale. For further information, call the West Point Youth Center at 845-938-3727, DSN 688-3727.

#### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Post Chaplains Office sponsors several Christian youth groups. These groups meet weekly. They also sponsor trips to exciting places including weekend retreats where teens learn about their religion while having lots of fun. For sixth through eighth graders, there is a non-denominational program called God's Gang; another called Young Life serves high school students. In conjunction with Young Life is a Bible study group, the Campaigners. Call 845-938-2003, DSN 688-2003 for more information.

A program called God's TYM is run by the Catholic Chapel. This is a continuation of Religious education for high school students. They enjoy music, fellowship, and fun on a weekly basis. God's TYM also provides the opportunity for service and retreats. Call 845-938-2784 for information.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, for ages 6 and up, (Cub Scouts and Daisies are for ages 1-5) are very active at West Point. Through the Scouting programs, teenagers become involved in community service activities and are given the opportunity and encouragement to learn a multitude of interesting subjects. The Boy Scouts participate year round in many outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. The troops at West Point have consistently participated in national jamborees, adventure training, and district activities. The Girl Scouts also participate in outdoor adventures such as hiking and

camping although on a much more limited basis. For more information about Scouting at West Point, call Youth Services at 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

#### YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

There are many activities through which teenagers as individuals can donate time and energy serving their community. An example of the type of opportunities available is the Volunteen program of the Red Cross that enlists teens to assist with the blood drives and other special tasks. Another opportunity, popular with teenagers, is the Special Olympics held each spring at West Point. Teenagers are encouraged to serve as escorts and find this to be a very gratifying way to help others. The Army Community Service (ACS) Center is always glad to have teens volunteer to help with their programs and activities. Information about these and other volunteer opportunities can be obtained from the Red Cross, 845-938-4365, DSN 688-4365; Army Community Service, 845-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621; or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator 845-938-3655, DSN 688-3655.

#### YOUTH SERVICES

West Point Youth Services offers teenagers a wide variety of instructional and sports programs, such as ballet, basketball, Lacrosse, arts & crafts, jazz, tap, character dance, kindergym, cheerleading, drama, ice skating, golf, gymnastics, hiking, hockey, karate, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, wrestling, and an outdoor adventure program.

The Teen Council works with the staff providing input on activities such as trips to amusement parks, shopping malls, New York City, and historical sites; community service programs; and teen programs. Newly arrived teens can be become oriented to West Point by hooking up with some of our Teen Council members. To inquire about these programs, call 845-938-8379, DSN 688-8379 or email YJ6985@usma.edu.

The Youth Center features a game room, gymnasium, teen lounge, snack bar, dance room, and patio area. The Teen Council has taken on this project to make the building a great hangout for teens. The Keystone Club and STARS programs provide teens with an opportunity to get together with other teenagers. Activities planned for weekend and weeklong excursions include Team Building, Adventure Trips and group problem solving activities. Youth Services also sponsors and supports activities such as the Halloween fest and the high school Graduation Bash.

To inquire about these and any other activities, call 845-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

#### **RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

Youth Ministries (Protestant) call 845-938-7682, DSN: 688-7682. Young people have opportunities to participate in nondenominational activities and community projects. They enjoy the fellowship of their peers and spiritual growth. Young Life (grades 9-12) has varied meeting times, usually Monday evenings @ 1900 in Bldg 622/Red Cross. God's Gang (grades 6-8) usually meets Saturday evenings @1900 in Post Chapel.

Youth Ministries (Catholic): 845-446-2656, DSN 688-2656 God's TYM (Total Youth Ministry) is a parish program for high school teenagers which meets weekly in the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium in Highland Falls. Members participate in Christian community service projects and can elect to participate in a retreat program sponsored by the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry Center in Garrison. Adventure trips are also offered.

TEC (Teen and Twenties Encounter Christ): 845-938-2784, DSN 688-2784 TEC offers young adults the opportunity to build community through group experience with exploring the mysteries of Jesus. Four 3-day retreats are held during the academic year. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and for 0600 Mass on Wednesday mornings.

Chapel Choirs Opportunities to serve through the ministry of music are available at the Post Chapel (Senior, Youth and Junior Choirs, Handbell Choir), Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel (Adult, Youth, Handbell, Folk Group and Singers) and the Jewish Chapel.

## **Survival Tips For First Termers**

#### **Survival Tips for First Termers Overview**

For more information on this subject: The PCS Guide http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/pcsguide.pdf

The old Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" is certainly a good one in preparation for your move to West Point and/or your transition into the military lifestyle. The more information you have, the better choices you will be able to make for yourself or you and your family. It will take time and effort on your part, but will be well worth it when things run smoothly at the other end. Listed in this section will

be "SURVIVAL TIPS" to help you during this period of transition.

One of the first stops when you arrive at West Point should be to Army Community Service's Relocation Office. Their Loan Closet is available to all those on PCS orders to and from West Point. The staff will answer your questions and be just a phone call away as you relocate to the banks of the Hudson. The Relocation Program works closely with all departments and units to provide current information to the incoming personnel. The WELCOME PACKET CD includes up-to-date information on West Point, maps, guides to area events, school information, employment information, etc. This is also a great help to you and your sponsor. If you have not received a Welcome CD, email Relocation Readiness at ym3733@exmail.usma.edu or call 845-938-2519, DSN 688-2519 as soon as you know that you are PCSing to West Point. Also check out the PCS Guide prepared by Relocation Readiness at Fort Gordon, Georgia in the link above.

#### **Before You Move**

Permanent-change-of station (PCS) is an ordered change to a new duty station. A PCS move entitles the service member to certain benefits. So, first things first! You must have orders, a most important document. Orders will tell you exactly what you will be entitled to and enable a variety of people to assist you, such as: PERSONNEL, ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE, TRANSPORTATION, AND FINANCE.

PERSONNEL is your next stop where you will have a counseling session; at that time be sure to request a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who is already here at West Point who will be able to help you out before you arrive. They can assist you with such things as making motel reservations, meeting you at the airport, and answering questions that you might have about your unit or the local area. The sponsor is someone who has been through what you are about to do. He or she can provide information that can answer the questions that you may not even have thought to ask.

Whether you are single or married, one of the great benefits that you have as a member of the military is your ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS). As soon as you know that you are moving, call to set up an appointment with your local Relocation Office. The Relocation staff can provide you with a booklet called SITES. This booklet will tell you everything you need to know about your new duty station, West Point (or any other installation), to include

information on housing, employment prospects, schools, and many other topics.

As soon as you receive orders, call the local TRANSPORTATION Office to set up an appointment (and the HOUSING office to schedule a premove inspection and a clearing appointment if you are in government quarters). A PCS move entitles the service member to certain entitlements. Among these is the transporting (shipping) and/or storage of the service member's possessions at government expense. You will be given a specific weight allowance determined by your rank and whether or not you have dependents. You, not the transportation officer, will be responsible for staying within this weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped, or stored exceeds that amount, you must pay all charges connected with the excess weight. For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathroom) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage and storage rooms, basement, etc. If, while your goods are being packed and loaded, there is evidence that the shipment will exceed your weight allowance, you may want to call the Transportation Office. The transportation staff can estimate the costs associated with your excess weight. This way you will be somewhat prepared for charges that you will have to pay.

Gather all important documents, such as birth and marriage certificates, proof of citizenship, medical records, school and shot records, wills, ID cards, and Social Security Cards. These are things that should go with you, NOT on the moving van! You may also want to take any irreplaceable items such as photographs and jewelry.

Find out your new mailing address -- even if it is only the mailing address of your new unit. Be sure to leave it with your current post office as well as your unit. If, when you arrive at West Point, your unit changes - contact your old unit and post office so they reroute your mail.

Call the FINANCE office to schedule an appointment -- they can figure out how much travel pay you will receive. Remember to ask them about the dislocation allowance and temporary allowance when you are moving. There is an option for advance pay; however, it should be used ONLY in extreme circumstances-- as you will have to repay it by monthly deductions from your paycheck. Be certain

that you have an adequate number of checks before you move.

Check with your auto insurance agent to be sure that you will be adequately covered for the state you will be residing in; in this case for NY state.

### **After You Arrive**

Upon your arrival, be sure to contact both your sponsor and the West Point Information and Referral Office at ACS, 622 Swift Road, next to Housing/Transportation/CPO building. Information and Referral and ACS will be a tremendous help in getting you connected with the resources you will need.

West Point has a very high cost of living, so you will need to stretch your paycheck as far as it will go. In all likelihood, if you are a private or a specialist (with dependents), you will qualify for several social service programs such as Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and/or Food Stamps. Be sure to call the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Manager at 845-938-4621 or DSN 688-4621 to request an application and to consider budget counseling.

Notify the Transportation Division, Inbound Household Goods, (845-938-4052/4053, DSN 688-4052/4053) as they will need a telephone number and address where you can be reached. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, provide this information to Transportation. If at all possible, accept delivery of your personal property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and reduce the opportunity for possible loss or damage. It will also reduce or eliminate storage expenses.

See HOUSING AND BILLETING later in this category and also in the category of RELOCATION, the subject areas, BILLETING, IN TRANSIT EMERGENCIES. and **FINANCIAL** PREPAREDNESS. For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES. HOUSEHOLD **GOODS** OUT-BOUND. HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN-BOUND, POV OUT-**BOUND** SHIPMENTS. POV IN-BOUND SHIPMENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED PCS. In fact, read through the whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

### **Reporting Procedures**

All Inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the United States Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, HHC, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to HQ, 1st BN 1st Inf.

See also the category, RELOCATION, subject area, PCS REPORTING PROCEDURES for a detailed list of units and their individual procedures.

## **Travel Planning**

When planning your move, be sure to remember that requesting advance pay should be used ONLY in extreme circumstances, as you will have to repay it by monthly deductions from your paycheck.

Soldiers, civilians, and their families are often surprised by the initial outlay of dollars required to get established in the community. Waiting time for government quarters for families will usually average from two to nine months, depending on rank, family size and number of bedrooms required. For the reasons of cost and possible long waits for quarters (maybe as long as nine months), it is advised that the service member arrive without dependents until a realistic assessment of the housing situation is made.

When traveling and staying in motels along the way, remember that most motels have government rates; if you don't ask they will not give you the lower government rate. If one motel does not have government rates check the next one. The savings are worth the effort. The West Point Army Lodging Facility (845-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816), will accept reservations up to 60 days in advance. Be aware that the facility DOES NOT accept pets and they must be kenneled at additional costs per pet! See Category, RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, BILLETING for information on high cost of lodging, local motels and more places to stay in the area.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial assistance to meet unforeseen expenses during required travel and related maintenance expenses such as car repairs, transportation, lodging, and food when traveling on PCS orders. AER assistance may also be provided for payment of initial rent and deposit, and payment of required utility deposits. Soldiers applying for AER financial assistance must use their chain of command when available. If you have a financial emergency while moving from one post to the new duty station, contact the nearest installation of ANY SERVICE including the Coast Guard or contact a nearby office of the American Red

Cross. Any military service or the Red Cross will then contact AER. Additionally, transient soldiers must also show orders and military ID card.

## **Vehicle Ownership**

For more information on this subject: NY State DMV http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/

In New York State anyone, even a non-resident, who permits his or her vehicle to be driven in New York must be able to prove that he or she has adequate liability insurance on that vehicle. If you are a non-resident and cannot provide such proof, your privilege to drive in New York may be revoked for at least one year. Your vehicle must be covered by liability insurance as long as it is registered, even if you do not drive it.

Minimum liability coverage of \$50,000 against the death of one person and \$100,000 against the death of two or more persons, \$10,000 against injury to one person and \$20,000 against injury to two or more persons, and \$5,000 against property damage is required. Coverage limits refer to death, injury or damage related to any one accident.

When you buy auto insurance, the insurance agent or broker gives you two insurance identification cards. The name(s) on these cards must match exactly the name(s) on your registration.

"No-fault" auto insurance is issued in New York. For more information on no-fault insurance, contact the New York State Department of Insurance, Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12257.

It is always important to contact your insurance agent and change the location of your car after you move since your rates (costs) depend on the area in which you live. Once you have adequate liability coverage, the following strategies can be used to save money on auto insurance:

- \* take as large a deductible as you can afford on collision and comprehensive coverage and if your car is over five years old and paid for, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage
- \* take advantage of any discounts for which you are eligible such as for anti-theft devices, air bags, and attend a Defensive Driving Class. The Defensive Driving Class with a \$30 fee is offered about twice a month through Community Recreation Division (845-938-2401 or DSN 688-2401).

- \* Don't forget to SHOP AROUND since premiums for identical coverage vary widely from company to company.
- \* For additional information, contact the Army Community Service, Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program at 845-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

## **Housing and Billeting**

All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. A housing representative will counsel personnel by appointment. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters. Plan to stay longer in temporary accommodations if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (845-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845).

The SINGLE SOLDIER BARRACKS sit on a hill overlooking West Point. The barracks recently underwent a \$17.8 million renovation. The barracks provide single soldiers with their own fully carpeted rooms, a bathroom shared with only one other person, central air conditioning and heating with controls in every room. Each room has a closet with additional storage cages in the basement. Single NCOs have a living room and a bedroom along with a closet and their own bathroom. The barracks also have basketball courts, a volleyball court, car wash area, a laundry room, and a mailroom. The dining facility, bowling center, and a library are within easy walking distance of the barracks.

See also AFTER YOU ARRIVE in this category and also in the category of RELOCATION SERVICES, the subject areas, BILLETING, IN TRANSIT EMERGENCIES, and **FINANCIAL** PREPAREDNESS. For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES. HOUSEHOLD GOODS OUT-BOUND. HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN-BOUND, POV IN-BOUND SHIPMENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED PCS. In fact, read through the whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

## **Money Matters**

Relocation is expensive ... start saving now. Due to poor planning, the average military member loses \$2 for every \$3 they spend. Members must be prepared!

Develop a financial plan with the financial manager at the ACS as soon as possible. See the category RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS for the money matters checklists.

## At A Glance

## **Facility/Services Summary**

| Officer and Enlisted Population    |      |                                          |       |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Active Duty Officer                | 698  | Active Duty Warrant Officer              | 10    |  |  |  |
| Guard Reserve Officer              | 62   | Guard Reserve Warrant Officer            | 0     |  |  |  |
| Retired (Officer and Enlisted)     | 7131 | Foreign Service Officers                 | 0     |  |  |  |
| Active Duty Enlisted               | 388  | Guard Reserve Enlisted                   | 400   |  |  |  |
| Foreign Service Enlisted           | 0    |                                          |       |  |  |  |
| Civilians                          |      |                                          |       |  |  |  |
| Civil Service                      | 2886 | Wage Grade                               |       |  |  |  |
| Non-Appropriated Funds             |      | Family Members -on and off Installation- | 10683 |  |  |  |
| Family Services                    |      |                                          |       |  |  |  |
| Family Centers                     | 1    | Teen Centers                             | 1     |  |  |  |
| Child Day Care                     | 1    | Family Child Care Certified Homes        | 6     |  |  |  |
| Total Child Capacity               | 303  | Total Child Capacity                     | 36    |  |  |  |
| Average Waiting List Time -Months- | 6    |                                          |       |  |  |  |
| Other Services                     |      |                                          |       |  |  |  |
| Commissary                         | 1    | Exchanges                                | 1     |  |  |  |
| Shoppettes                         | 1    | Gas Stations                             | 1     |  |  |  |
| Movie Theaters                     | 1    | Banks and Credit Unions                  | 0     |  |  |  |
| McDonalds/Burger King              | 1    | Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires      | 9     |  |  |  |

## **Housing Summary**

| Officer Housing                  |     |                                  |    |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Senior Officer Waiting           | 3   | Senior Officer 3 Bed Room        | 97 |  |  |  |
| Senior Officer 4 Bed Room        | 313 | Senior Officer Other             | 90 |  |  |  |
| Company Grade Officer Waiting    | 4   | Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room | 45 |  |  |  |
| Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room | 77  | Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room | 0  |  |  |  |
| Company Grade Officer Other      | 15  | BOQ                              |    |  |  |  |
| Enlisted Housing                 |     |                                  |    |  |  |  |
| Senior Enlisted Waiting          | 3   | Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room       | 34 |  |  |  |
| Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room       | 40  | Senior Enlisted Other            | 5  |  |  |  |
| Enlisted Waiting                 | 6   | Enlisted 2 Bed Room              | 50 |  |  |  |
| Enlisted 3 Bed Room              | 36  | Enlisted Other                   | 0  |  |  |  |
| BEQ                              | 0   | Transient Lodging Facilities     | 0  |  |  |  |

## **Education Summary**

| Name                  | Numbers |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Elementary School     | 1       |
| Jr High/Middle School | 1       |
| High School           | 0       |

## **Local Community Summary**

| Type of Housing             | Avg.   | Low    | High   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Apartment Rent              | 750    | 600    | 900    |
| House Rent                  | 1100   | 950    | 1300   |
| House Price - Single Family | 175000 | 125000 | 399000 |
| Townhouse/Condominium Price | 100000 | 89000  | 199000 |

## **Medical and Dental Summary**

| Medical Facilities           |   |                        |    |                  |    |  |
|------------------------------|---|------------------------|----|------------------|----|--|
| Medical Treatment Facilities | Y | Number of Beds         | 65 | Medical Clinic   | 24 |  |
| Alcohol                      | Y | Allergy                | Y  | Audiology        | Y  |  |
| Cardiology                   | Y | Coronary care          | Y  | Dermatology      | Y  |  |
| Dietary                      | Y | Emergency room         | Y  | Endocrinology    | N  |  |
| Family Practice              | Y | General surgery        | Y  | Gynecology       | Y  |  |
| HIV Unit                     | N | Hematology             | N  | Immunization     | Y  |  |
| Infect Disease               | Y | Intensive Care         | Y  | Laboratory       | Y  |  |
| Mental Health                | Y | Neonatal               | N  | Nuclear Medicine | N  |  |
|                              |   | Intensive Care<br>Unit |    |                  |    |  |
| Nephrology                   | N | Neurology              | N  | Neurosurgery     | N  |  |
| Obstetrics                   | Y | Oncology               | N  | Opthamology      | Y  |  |
| Optometry                    | Y | Orthopedics            | Y  | Otolarygnology   | N  |  |
| Pathology                    | Y | Pediatrics             | Y  | Physical Therapy | Y  |  |
| Podiatry                     | Y | Primary Care           | Y  | Radiology        | Y  |  |
| Rheumatology                 | N | Urology                | N  |                  |    |  |
| Dental Facilities            |   |                        |    |                  |    |  |
| Dental Clinics               | 2 | Adolescent             | Y  | Endodontics      | Y  |  |
| General Dentistry            | Y | Oral Surgery           | Y  | Orthodontics     | Y  |  |
| Pedodontist                  | N | Periodontics           | Y  |                  |    |  |

## **Relocation and Support Services Summary**

| Military Clubs                |    |                                |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Officers Club                 | 1  | Non-Commissioned Officers Club |   |  |  |  |
| Enlisted Club                 | 1  |                                |   |  |  |  |
| Recreation                    |    |                                |   |  |  |  |
| Arts and Crafts               | 1  | Automobile Hobby Centers       | 1 |  |  |  |
| Bowling Centers               | 1  | Recreational Centers           | 0 |  |  |  |
| Libraries                     | 2  | Music and Theater Locations    | 2 |  |  |  |
| Physical Fitness/Sports       |    |                                |   |  |  |  |
| 9 Hole Golf Courses           | 0  | 18 Hole Golf Courses           | 1 |  |  |  |
| Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers | 1  | Jogging Paths                  | 1 |  |  |  |
| Tennis Clubs/Courts           | 28 | Tennis Courts - Lighted        | 7 |  |  |  |
| Swimming Pools - Public       | 0  |                                |   |  |  |  |
| Nature/Outdoor Activities     |    |                                |   |  |  |  |
| Outdoor Recreation Centers    | 3  | Campgrounds                    | 2 |  |  |  |
| Fishing Areas                 | 3  | Horse Stables                  | 1 |  |  |  |

## **APPENDIX**

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